



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Tom Herzig, BreAnna Porter, Jim Runkles, Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies
Absent:
Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer John Spencer, Attorney Ken Woodrich

Guests Present

Approximately 9 guests were present.

Agenda Changes and Additions

None.

Public Hearings

None.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included 4/12/11 Council Minutes and 4/26/11 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve the consent agenda items; 2nd by Councilor Herzig.**

Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig

No:

Passed 5 – 0

Guest Presentations

Chamber of Commerce, Casey Roeder

Casey provided a message from the Skamania County Arts and Culture Alliance, asking the city to proclaim the month of May to be Arts and Culture Month.

A brief discussion ensued.

Casey provided history and an overview of the chamber and its activities, as well as a summary of the services the chamber provides to the city. She noted that the city's monthly funding (\$20,000 in 2011) goes to the chamber's general operations budget.

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann – Asked whether the Heritage Trails are advertised through the chamber (they are).

Brian Adams – Noted the fish cam at the Bonneville Dam is linked through the chamber's website.

Council Member Comments

Tom Herzig – asked on behalf of Richard Mortweet (who brought the issue before council at the last meeting) what has been done regarding barking dogs. He brought a recording of dogs barking. Discussion ensued.

Ken Woodrich noted that the city has an ordinance addressing this issue, but advised that it is best used as a tool for encouraging communication. He also noted property owners have the ability to take action against each other.

Tom Herzig – Discussed the nuisance at 202 CBD Mall Drive (trash) and suggested that the city should take a more aggressive stance toward such issues. Discussion ensued.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Submitted. John briefly discussed the city's financial situation, stressing that cash flow remains an issue.

Attorney Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Heritage Trails Funding Request

Greg Hartnell requested that the Council allocate an additional \$16,500 to the Heritage Trail program from the lodging tax fund. This amount was in the 2010 budget, but was not spent.

Discussed ensued, particularly regarding the city's need to cover current operating expenses and the committee's ability to spend the money in 2011.

- **Councilor Runkles moved to table this issue; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig

No:

Passed 5 – 0

New Business

Sawtooth Franchise Agreement

John provided a brief introduction and Brian Adams of Sawtooth provided further detail on the broadband fiber project.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to approve the Sawtooth Franchise; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Ken Woodrich noted that the city does not have an adopted ROW use ordinance. Asked for a change to general provision #6, changing the "administrative hearing officer" to city council or planning commission. Also asked for a map of the work to be attached as an exhibit.

Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to amend the motion so the franchise includes an exhibit showing a map of the work plan and to replace the words "City Administrative Hearing Officer" in General Provision #6 with "City Council"; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

On motion as amended

Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Hotel/Motel Tax Contracts

John noted that these contracts memorialize the council's decision to fund the requests in December. Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve all proposed hotel/motel contracts; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Discussion ensued regarding the prepayment clause.

Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No: Councilor Porter
Passed 4 – 1

Resolution 419 – Hotel/Motel Policy

Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve Resolution #419; 2nd by Councilor Herzig.**

Clarification that the policy includes the attached scoring sheet.

- **Councilor Runkles moved to add a requirement to the top of the Scoring Sheet that the project meets the legal requirements to have a nexus with RCW 67.28; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

On motion as amended

Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Proclamation – Arts and Culture Month

Casey Roeder presented the proclamation during her presentation earlier in the meeting.

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve the proclamation; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Resolution 420 – Surplus Equipment

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve Resolution #420; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Sewer Plant Change Order #9 – Pump Motors

Ron Bush spoke to change orders #9 and #7 and project substantial completion.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to approve change order #9; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Sewer Plant Change Order #7 – Light Switch

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve change order #7; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Acceptance of Sewer Plant Substantial Completion

- **Councilor Porter moved to accept Substantial Completion of the Sewer Plant; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Ron Bush explained the two certificates. One was for the Plant proper, the other is for the whole plant, including Pump Station #1. The contractor's one-year warranty begins with the engineer's certification of substantial completion.

- Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig**
No:
Passed 5 – 0

2011/2012 Building Inspector Contract

John provided background.

Ken noted that he's going to have to sign approval as to form for both cities and explained the consequences of acting attorney for both cities. He asked council's permission to do so in this instance.

- **Councilor Runkles moved to approve the building inspector contract; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Discussion ensued regarding the required number of hours.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to amend the contract so that the 2011 hours read the same as those of 2012; 2nd by Councilor Runkles.**

Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig

No:

Passed 5 – 0

On motion as amended.

Yes: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies and Herzig

No:

Passed 5 – 0

Renaming "Parcel C"

Discussion ensued regarding obtaining public input.

- **Consensus – seek community recommendations through the newsletter and through Gorge Days.**

Contents of Emailed Council Packets

Councilor Porter – suggested council have access to council packets before they are broadcast further.

Ken discussed the definition of a public record and noted that council packets qualify as such. He noted that this does not necessarily mean that council packets need to be broadcast to the community.

John provided background on why the council packets have been emailed on Fridays and what some of the affects of this action have been.

Discussion ensued. Alternatives discussed included: limiting attachments, sending packets out to council earlier in the week, sending only the agenda out and responding to requests for more information.

- **Consensus – The clerk shall send full packets to Council each Friday by noon, as well as agendas to those who request them.**

R. Harris' "The Party Loft" Sign

Tom Herzig provided background on Rick Harris' agreement with council on the use of the sign. Herzig asked Mr. Harris why he hasn't been bringing the sign in at night. Harris said he is no longer interested in keeping the sign, but that he'd like to see better signage for businesses.

Closing Comments

Bob Bianchi – Asked about his status on the planning commission (His appointment will be on the 5/10/11 agenda).

Cheryl Jermann – Spoke in support of Rick Harris' sandwich board sign.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Porter moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Stratton.**
Yes: Councilors BreAnna Porter, Jim Runkles, Tim Dudley, Tom Herzig, Jennifer Stratton-Pies
No: None
Adjourned 9:07 PM

Mayor

Clerk