

NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Finance Committee Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Charles Pace, Bob Bianchi and Mike Baker
Absent: Councilor Stratton-Pies
Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer

Unfinished Business

2013 Budget Review/Discussion

John discussed the final general fund budgets with council. Discussion ensued.

New Business

John Discussed 1st Quarter financial report and March reconciliation issues with Council. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment

7:02

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Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Charles Pace, Mike Baker, and Bob Bianchi

Absent: Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer, City Attorney Ken Woodrich

Guests Present

Approximately 6 guests were present, including Council candidate Craig Forster and Planning Commission candidate Katie Califf.

Agenda Changes and Additions

None.

Public Hearings

None.

New Business

City Council Appointments

Craig Forster

The council asked a few questions of Craig Forster regarding his desire to serve on council.

- **Councilor Pace moved to approve Craig Forster's appointment to Position #2; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes Councilors Pace, Bianchi, Baker

No

Passed 3 – 0

Craig Forster took his seat with the council, but was unable to vote until he is sworn into office, which he intended to do later this week at the County Courthouse.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the 3/26/13 Council Minutes, 3/19/13 Joint Council Minutes, March Payroll, and 4/9/13 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Baker moved to approve the consent agenda; 2nd by Councilor Bianchi.**

John provided an update on his efforts to verify the 3/19 minutes.

Council asked some clarifying questions regarding invoice vouchers.

Yes **Councilors Pace, Bianchi, Baker**

No

Passed **3 – 0**

Guest Presentations

None.

Public Comment

None.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Baker – Discussed the last planning commission meeting, noting that he was impressed by the Silver Star Cabinets presentation. He also noted that he will not be able to attend the 1st meeting in May.

- **Councilor Pace moved to excuse Councilor Baker from the 1st meeting in May; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes **Councilors Pace, Bianchi**

No

Abstain **Councilor Baker**

Passed **2 – 0 – 1**

Councilor Pace – Discussed the status of the Public Works Field Supervisor's requested employment change, suggesting that the council may wish to speak directly with the Union representatives with a mind toward improving the relationship between the union and management. He also discussed John's concern regarding the well going in on East Cascade, suggesting that it might be a potential source for city water.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

John provided his report in written format, and provided some additional updates:

- CBA Negotiations have been set for May 6.
- He read a statement from Planning Commission Chair Greg Hartnell expressing support for Councilor Bianchi and thanking him for his time on the planning commission.
- The clarifier at the well will be cleaned during the week of the 22nd. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Hotel/Motel Contract (Tabled Motion)

John explained that he has not yet received a new contract from the Hot Springs.

Voting on the motion made on March 23rd to approve the contract

Yes

No Councilors Pace, Bianchi and Baker

Failed 0 – 3

New Business

Planning Commission Appointment

- **Councilor Baker moved to confirm the appointment of Katie Califf; 2nd by Councilor Bianchi.**

Councilor Pace noted that the Planning commission recommends her appointment.

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker and Bianchi

No

Passed 3 – 0

Amended MOA Regarding the PW Field Supervisor

John gave an update on this situation.

Councilor Pace asked whether the council could help mediate the relationship between management and the union. Discussion ensued.

Discussion: Three-City Partnership

Councilor Pace gave an update on his discussion with the Gorge Commission, noting:

- he hasn't received a copy of a letter of support from the Gorge Commission,
- the Gorge Commission is facing a large funding reduction from Washington State,
- he sees many avenues for entering into interlocal agreements with and without assistance from the Gorge Commission

He discussed in some detail his thoughts on entering into various partnership agreements among the cities and with the Gorge Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding what a resolution might look like.

Consensus – John will come back with a resolution stating that the city supports the idea of moving forward to develop agreements, and naming Councilor Pace as a member of the committee. Councilor Pace will continue to research options to form an agreement.

IT Support Contract

- **Councilor Pace moved to approve the contract with Columbia Gorge Information Systems (CGIS) and to authorize Mike Baker to execute the contract on behalf of the city; 2nd by Councilor Bianchi.**

Councilor Pace noted that the CGIS has done extraordinary work on the website while we are having difficulties with vision software, one of the competing vendors for this contract.

Yes: Councilors Bianchi, Baker, and Pace.

No:

Passed 3 – 0

State Purchasing Cooperative and Purchasing Card

- **Councilor Pace moved to approve the cooperative contract; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Discussion ensued regarding the rules of use of the cooperative and the city's ability to terminate the contract. Ken noted that purchasing through this cooperative complies with state bidding requirements.

Yes: Councilors Bianchi, Baker, and Pace.

No:

Passed 3 – 0

Utility Billing Adjustment

- **Councilor Baker moved to accept the request from Loraine Chaney to adjust her utility bill to the city-wide average; 2nd by Bianchi.**

Pace noted that the motion is consistent with city policy.

Yes: Councilors Bianchi, Baker, and Pace.

No:

Passed 3 – 0

Closing Comments

Cheryl Jermann – Noted that the previous landowners of the unincorporated area along Evergreen (where the new owners are drilling a well) requested that they not be annexed into the city a long time ago.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Bianchi moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes: Councilors Bianchi, Baker, and Pace.

No:

Passes 3 – 0

Adjourned 8:39 PM

Mayor

Clerk