



North Bonneville City Council

Mayor Don Stevens
Council Member Terry Norris
Council Member Brian Sabo

Council Member Bob Bianchi
Council Member Judie Whitcomb
Council Member Craig Forster

North Bonneville City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 9th, 2017

Council Workshop Note: The workshop discussion period is from 6:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. and is followed by the regular council meeting. It is possible that discussion of workshop items will continue in the regular council session. The Council will not vote on any topic during the workshop session.

Workshop Call to Order 6:30 P.M by Mayor Stevens

Roll call

- Councilors present: Bob Bianchi, Craig Forster, Terry Norris, Brian Sabo, Judie Whitcomb
- Staff present: City Administrator Sam Hughes, City Clerk Dawn Thompson, City Attorney Ken Woodrich

New Business

Preliminary Proposal for North Bonneville Fire Department and the residents of the City of North Bonneville and surrounding areas.

North Bonneville Fire Department has been in initial discussions and planning with Skamania County Emergency Medical Services. SCEMS has proposed the utilization of an ambulance housed and manned here at Nbfd.

North Bonneville Fire Department is gearing up to train for EMR (Emergency Medical Response), and will be able to man the ambulance after training and certification is completed. The ambulance will be used for calls locally, to surrounding areas and take up overflow emergency calls.

Over the years, a majority of the emergency calls have increased here in North Bonneville and the West side of Skamania County, due to aging residence and visitors to the trail and hiking areas. SCEMS has indicated a need for quicker response and a 3rd ambulance in Skamania County and Nbfd is the only available station. The number of calls will increase from roughly 20 per year to 120+ per year with the BLS/Emergency unit stationed in North Bonneville.

The Southwest Region EMS & Trauma Strategic Plan does not define the city limits of North Bonneville in the 2015-2017 plan, but Skamania County EMS has this area within their response zone. If granted, credentials for EMR/BLS aid response will be acquired for Nbfd volunteers. North Bonneville Fire Department will utilize the regional plan and current Skamania County patient care protocols used by SCEMS and other EMS agencies.

North Bonneville Fire Department will be required to take proper trainings (EMR, BLS, OTEP, EVIP, and possibly continue into ALS in the future). The Ambulance would be staffed by Nbfd volunteers, and the schedule availability will be overseen by the Chief.

The ambulance housed here at Nbfd will have both the insignia of North Bonneville Fire Department and Skamania County EMS. All of the required consumable supplies, equipment, and maintenance will be supplied by SCEMS, as well as the continuation of certification training and new protocols. North Bonneville FD will have to initially take on the monetary responsibility through the Nbfd budget (i.e. training, fuel and call out reimbursement).

At the end of the year North Bonneville Fire Department will be reimbursed for calls Nbfd has responded to by SCEMS; at the rate of \$28 dollars per person per call. Nbfd only pays \$20 a call per responding volunteer, so there will be a gain to Nbfd and the city. Next year there will be the ability to renegotiate costs and pay after The City of North Bonneville is officially put in the Southwest Region Emergency Medical Strategic Plan



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- Discussion regarding preliminary approval included surprise at the lack of service in the county with only two ambulances. Councilor Whitcomb had a family member who recently needed an ambulance and was shocked that Cascade Locks Ambulance took the call. Councilor Norris asked about the ambulance age and the vehicle maintenance record as well as if there is room to house the ambulance. Firefighters gave positive response on both accounts. Mayor Stevens asked about reimbursement for equipment and people on call as well as if the siren will be going off during the night. The siren will only be used for fires during the night. All councilors and the mayor are excited about the firefighters wanting to make these advancements.

Adjournment: 6:53pm



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Meeting call to order by Mayor Don Stevens at 7:00pm.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

- Councilor Sabo would like the April 25, 2017 minutes to reflect the individual councilor's votes. Consent agenda for minutes and payroll. Councilor Bianchi made motion to approve, seconded by councilor Whitcomb. Yea vote Councilors Bianchi, Forster, Norris, Whitcomb, and Sabo.

Public Comment

- "The Bev" informed council that on 5.11.17 she will be resigning her position with the community gardeners. The meeting will be held at Hamilton Park apartments at 7:00pm

Council Member Comments

- All councilors and Mayor Stevens thanked "The Bev" for her hard work and success with the community garden.
- Councilor Bianchi and Mayor Stevens stated that neither will be running for another term. Anyone interested needs to file at the Skamania County Courthouse within the next couple weeks to meet

The City Attorney Report Attended a good conference on land use.

Administrator's Report

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- ATU negotiations will resume in May 22
- Port Issue – Fort Cascade Road – ingress and egress issue with Corp of Engineers is still an issue; meeting with Pat this week
- \$50,000 TIB grant for roads damaged by Storm; very few parts of our roads will qualify but we have prepared the grant application; Devin is costing it out; should be ready for submittal this week. Due 5.31.17
- TIB Workshop coming up on June 6. Bob, I know you wanted to attend.
- FEMA grant coming up for other damage – this is a federal/state joint venture. The dates in the grant are not the same dates as our 2 storms and that may be a deal breaker but John at the County is trying to get our storm dates accepted as part of the grant. We submitted an RPA (request for public assistance,



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- WCIA will be here on Wednesday for a walk through
- Trails meeting May 16, 2017 at 3:00.
- Election – please contact Nathan Phillips if you want to run for mayor or council.
- Interviews for Maintenance I person in progress.
- Evergreen East timetable:
 - City will receive bids up to 4 pm on 6.9.17
 - A pre bid meeting will be held on Tuesday May 30th at 2.

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

- Councilor Forster made motion, seconded by Councilor Bianchi to approve Ordinance 1079. Yea vote from Councilors Bianchi, Forster, Norris, Whitcomb, and Sabo.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned; 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Thompson, Clerk