

NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 12, 2012
Finance Committee Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:34 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Jerry Arthurs,
Charles Pace, Mike Baker, Jennifer Stratton-Pies and
Tim Dudley

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer

Unfinished Business

Continued Review – 2012 Budget

John reviewed sections of the general fund expenditure budget, through the Property Management department. Councilors asked a variety of questions around this topic.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

6:59



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Minutes

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Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Jerry Arthurs, Charles Pace, Mike Baker, Jennifer Stratton-Pies and Tim Dudley

Absent:

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

Guests Present

Approximately 6 guests were present, including Port of Skamania County Executive Director John McSherry.

Agenda Changes and Additions

None.

Public Hearings

None.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included 5/22/12 Council Minutes, May Payroll and 6/12/12 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the consent agenda; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Councilor Pace asked questions regarding personnel hours and the use of volunteers.

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley

No:

Passed 5 - 0

Guest Presentations

John McSherry provided an update on Port of Skamania County activities, primarily on the development of a new road, Coyote Ridge, through their property on the eastern side of town.

Public Comment

Bev Charlton – Thanked the city for the additional mowing this year and discussed the success of the community garden.

Mary Armantrout – Expressed her appreciation of the Sasquatch family.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Stratton-Pies – Discussed the community garden and encouraged everyone to participate in the fundraising raffle. She also noted there is no significant news from the planning commission.

Councilor Pace – Related an issue brought to him by a citizen regarding residency requirements for city councilors. He noted that there is a residency requirement for election to the city council, but not for remaining on council. He asked about Councilor Stratton-Pies and Councilor Dudley's plans. Councilor Stratton-Pies noted she has maintained her residency in North Bonneville so far, and has no plans to leave council. Ken discussed residency requirements, stating that a councilor's intent to eventually return to a city provides the adequacy to maintain office. He stated that the city probably cannot trump state statute regarding election rights. Councilor Arthurs expressed his concern regarding this issue. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Pace – Discussed emails from Ray Hays regarding the maintenance of Strawberry Island Trails. Mayor Stevens noted that the city's priority is to mow grass within city and the city is limited in its ability to maintain Strawberry Island. Discussion ensued. Ken suggested that if local businesses write letters to the city asking for maintenance for tourism purposes, it might help justify the use of hotel/motel taxes.

Councilor Baker – Asked about a disc golf tournament this past weekend, and about the possibility of putting a donation box up for disc golf. Discussion ensued.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Provided in written format (see notes). John elaborated on:

- RFP to rent out a portion of city hall
- His findings regarding old warrants
- His plans to bring forward mid-year budget adjustments
- A review of BARS structure
- A review of the City's Comprehensive Plan

Discussion ensued. Councilor Pace asked questions about John's plans for attending the annual AWC conference.

Attorney Report

Ken discussed the Comprehensive Plan, explaining how it establishes the city's over-arching policies and that all other ordinances must fit within its parameters. Councilor Pace suggested that the city follow up on the economic development plan.

Unfinished Business

Annual Financial Report

John presented the report, noting that he needs to print a revision of it that incorporates his new findings regarding warrants.

Settlement of the AT&T Lawsuit

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to accept the proposed settlement; 2nd by Stratton-Pies**
Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley
No:
Passed 5 - 0

Financial Policies

Councilor Pace provided an update on his activities regarding these policies. He expressed a desire to see more detailed policies. Discussion ensued, particularly regarding how a committee of council can work on this issue without violating the Open Public Meetings Act.

- **Councilor Pace moved to table the finance policies until the next meeting; 2nd by Stratton-Pies**

New Business

Waiver of Attorney Conflict of Interest

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve a waiver of the attorney's conflict of interest regarding the Stevenson interlocal; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs**

Ken noted that this is not a present conflict of interest, but a potential one should a dispute arise.

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley
No:
Passed 5 - 0

Stevenson Interlocal – Sharing of Resources

John provided a new, final version of the contract.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Stevenson; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies**
Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley
No:
Passed 5 - 0

Well House Upgrade with Sodium Hypochloride

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve the purchase of the Sodium Hypochloride system from Whitney Equipment Company; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies**

Dudley noted that this has been discussed for several years.

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley

No:

Passed 5 - 0

Closing Comments

Jim Runkles – Asked about a device in Hamilton Creek. Councilor Arthurs explained it is a fish trap used for counting juvenile fish.

Jim Runkles – Noted he sees more and more places where residents are dumping grass. Mayor Stevens explained that there is no policy regarding this, but that there are some traditional areas, sheltered from view, that have been used for composting.

Jim Runkles – Asked whether goats are permitted on a neighbor's property. John said he's not sure and will double check.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Dudley moved to adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Pace thanked Dudley and Stratton-Pies for their attendance.

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley

No:

Passed 5 - 0

Adjourned 9:32 PM

Mayor

Clerk