



**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, July 13, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order:** 6:30 PM

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Jennifer Stratton-Pies and Tim Dudley  
Absent: Councilors Josi Lambson and Debbie Sullivan (excused; resigned)  
Staff: Clerk / Treasurer John Spencer, Attorney Teunis J. Wyers

**Swearing In Councilor Runkles:**

Councilor Jim Runkles was sworn in Council Position #2 by Auditor Tim Todd before normal business to create a quorum.

**Guests Present**

Approximately 22 guests were in attendance, including:  
Roger Haven, Cheryl Jermann, Bev Charlton, Irene Bitikofer and Randy Pies.

**Guest Presentations**

Tami Karchesky gave a presentation on Big Brother/Big Sister, looking for volunteers and support.

**Public Comment:**

- Roger Haven read into the record the resignations of Councilors Josi Lambson and Debbie Sullivan
- Cheryl Jermann provided reflections and disagreements with the content of the resignations letters of Councilors Lambson and Sullivan
- Cheryl Jermann also stated she intends to do the woodland fairy pumpkin hunt / festival this year
- Bev Charlton expressed her pleasure with the success of the Gorge Days event.

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent agenda included June 22<sup>nd</sup> Council minutes, June vouchers and the June Payroll.

- **Councilor Tim Dudley moved to approve the consent agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies.**  
**Yes: Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Tim Dudley, Jim Runkles**  
**No: None**  
**Passes 3 - 0**

### **Council Member/Staff Comments**

Mayor Don Stevens read a letter from the Department of Ecology awarding an award to the City of North Bonneville Treatment Plant operations for excellent work. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> award in a row.

Councilor Tim Dudley welcomed Councilor Jim Runkles.

John Spencer noted that Pat Taylor stopped by before the meeting to express his concern regarding the speeding issue on East Cascade.

Clerk / Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

### **Announcements/Reports**

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mayor Stevens discussed the Cascade Drive speeding issue and the speed hump/speed bump options and prices. He also noted that a 3-way stop sign is another potential solution.

### **New Business**

#### Contract amendment with Stevenson for Maintenance Worker services

Mayor Don Stevens discussed the proposed contract and reasons for it.

Councilor Jim Runkles moved to accept the addendum to the agreement. Councilor Tim Dudley noted that the name of the Mayor of Stevenson is wrong.

- **Councilor Tim Dudley moved to approve contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jennifer Stratton Pies.**  
**Yes: Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies, and Jim Runkles**  
**No: None**  
**Passes 3 - 0**

#### Approval of Change Order Number 1 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant

- **Councilor Tim Dudley moved to approve Change Order 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies.**  
**Yes: Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies, and Jim Runkles**  
**No: None**  
**Passes 3 - 0**

#### Personnel policy amendment regarding Exempt and Nonexempt Employees

John Spencer explained the reasoning behind the proposed amendment.

- **Councilor Jim Runkles moved to accept Ordinance 964, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Tim Dudley**  
Councilor Jim Runkles noted a typo and that we need to note a regular workweek  
**Councilor Jim Runkles amended his motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jennifer Stratton-pies.**  
**Yes: Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies, and Jim Runkles**  
**No: None**  
**Passes 3 - 0**

### Personnel policy regarding the City Clerk/Treasurer

John Spencer explained reasoning behind ordinances.

Jim noted that given past history, this will save money in the long run.

- **Councilor Tim Dudley moved to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies**  
**Yes: Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Tim Dudley, and Jim Runkles**  
**No: None**  
**Passes 3 - 0**

Tim Dudley noted that we have a vacant position for Mayor Pro-Tem. Jim Runkles stated he is not interested in the position.

- **Councilor Jim Runkles nominated Councilor Tim Dudley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies.**  
**Yes: Jennifer Stratton-Pies, and Jim Runkles**  
**Abstention: Tim Dudley**  
**No: None**  
**Passes 2 – 0, 1 abstention**

Tim Dudley moved that we reinstate the closing public comment on the agenda. Jim Runkles asked whether there should be a time limit. Tim Dudley suggested keeping comments to 1 minute.

- **Councilor Tim Dudley moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies.**  
**Yes: Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Tim Dudley, and Jim Runkles.**  
**No: None**  
**Passes 3 - 0**

### **Finance Committee**

John Spencer discussed the need for a finance committee.

Attorney Teunis J. Wyers discussed the restrictions of the investment committee and warned of the need for Council and Staff to maintain control of city finances.

Tim Dudley noted we have a standing finance committee with Tim Dudley and Jennifer Stratton-Pies on it.

Attorney Teunis J. Wyers suggested asking for applications from the public.

Jim Runkles suggested putting out a call for volunteers to come forward via a letter of interest.

### **Legal Issues**

Attorney Teunis J. Wyers complemented the Mayor on the hiring of the Clerk/Treasurer.

### **Closing Comments**

Bev Charlton expressed her satisfaction with this meeting

Cheryl Jermann asked whether the good fund balance resulted from the sale of property

Irene Bitikofer stated the sale of property was the reason for increased fund balances, and that Mayor John Kirk did not get us out of bankruptcy.

Tom Herzig expressed his appreciation of the information provided by the Clerk Treasurer. He also expressed his disagreement with the information in the resignation letters of councilors Lambson and Sullivan

**Adjournment**

- **Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Tim Dudley.**

**Yes: Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Jim Runkles**

**No: None**

**Adjourned 7:41 PM**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**