



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Don Stevens
Councilmember Charles Pace
Councilmember Michael Hamilton

Councilmember Bob Bianchi
Councilmember Mike Baker
Councilmember Craig Forster

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 12, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order 6:30 PM

Roll Call Mayor Don Stevens; Council Members Bob Bianchi; Michael Hamilton; Charles Pace and Craig Forster

Mike Baker was absent but his absence was excused

Unfinished Business

Discussion concerning support for a Metropolitan Parks District

The Council discussed this matter at length and determined not to take a position on this ballot measure

New Business

Steve Hasson and Tom Jermann advised the Committee that the grant the Washington State Department of Ecology [DOE] provided to the City to do a Shorelines Management Plan expired in July of 2013 before all of the work could be completed. City staff recently approached DOE about providing financial assistance to complete the remaining work. After deliberation, DOE has agreed to provide \$26,000 which should be sufficient revenue to complete the Plan by June 30, 2105. Considerable of the remaining work requires engineering analysis. The City has previously worked with the engineering firm HDR to develop the Shorelines Plan. Accordingly, staff is providing for Council's consideration an agreement with HDR to finish the remaining work that staff cannot complete.

Steve noted that the North Bonneville Public Development Authority was contemplating repaying the loan the City had provided them within a short period of time. At present, the City has loaned them approximately \$13,000.

Steve brought the Council up to date on staff's efforts to conserve water. City staff has replaced 36 of the City's oldest water meters, which represents about 10 percent of the water system meters. They were replaced because they did not properly record water loss. The new meters will do a better job of recording water use and that should result in additional water revenue. Steve had researched Council's request to look into a radio activated meter reading system for purpose of reducing the man hours necessary to read the water meters. He advised that the cost would be about \$70,000 to replace all the City's meters so they would have this feature/function or about \$200 per meter as opposed to the current \$53 per meter cost. Steve advised that not all of the City's water conveyances are metered [such as City Hall] and thus, there is a need to meter all of the City's public water usage to assist in water accounting efforts. Steve said that staff will likely request monies in next year's budget to replace another 36 water meters.

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.



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City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 12, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order 7:06 P.M.

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Mike Baker was absent but his absence was excused

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

Excusing Councilor Baker under New Business

The County's incarceration contract was deferred to provide Attorney Woodrich an opportunity to review and update its provisions if that action is necessary.

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

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Councilor Pace moved for approval and Councilor Bianchi seconded

Yes Councilors Bianchi, Pace, Forster and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 4-0-0

Guest Presentations

None

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann expressed concern about law enforcement response time and noted there was a vehicle accident last week where an injured motorcyclist laid 32 minutes on the hot pavement before receiving sheriff assistance.

Robert Miller noted that the City Council had recently enacted parking restrictions in the CBD and wondered when they would be implemented.

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Hamilton inquired of Attorney Woodrich: if a vote is taken on a Council matter - could that item be revisited in the same meeting resulting from the arrival of another Council member and a vote for reconsideration. Councilor Hamilton also expressed concerns about the dirt the Army Corps of Engineers will make available for pump track development asking if could it be contaminated. Mayor Stevens responded the dirt would actually come from the Port of Skamania. Councilor Hamilton handed out information reflecting on his dictionary research of words used in the Pledge Allegiance.

Councilor Pace expressed concern about the piling of dirt and debris on City property associated with the fish restoration efforts in Hamilton Creek.

Mayor Stevens said that the sheriff deputy response time to emergencies was disconcerting but a bi-product of lack of public funding that resulted in the County reducing law enforcement staff and is also dependent on where the deputies are when they receive a call. The Mayor said that efforts were under way to reduce the vehicle parking issues within the CBD and that the City was planning to pass out parking permits as time allows.

Administrator's Report

None

City Attorney's Report

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Excuse Councilor Baker's absence

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve this absence and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Bianchi, Hamilton, Forster and Pace

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Union Contract Ratification

Attorney Woodrich advised that labor negotiation issues were exempt from executive session under Washington open meetings act, however the Council could go into a more informal session to discuss labor matters by adjourning to an exempt meeting, which the Council chose not to do. Councilor Bianchi asked if his voting on this matter posed a conflict of interest if his daughter was a member of this union. After evaluating the circumstances, Attorney Woodrich said Councilor Bianchi did not have a conflict of interest that would preclude his voting participation. Councilor Hamilton asked a number of questions about the agreement and particularly its health care provisions. Steve read an email from Tony Menke, the City's labor attorney, intended to highlight important negotiation issues and their resolution. Attorney Woodrich said this was a very even handed agreement with considerable employee and management protections.

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve the agreement and seconded by Councilor Forster.

Yes Councilors Bianchi, Hamilton, Forster and Pace

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Amending an existing contract with HDR Engineering for purposes of completing certain Shoreline Management Plan Update tasks

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve the agreement in a form suggested by Attorney Woodrich and seconded by Councilor Forster.

Yes Councilors Bianchi, Hamilton, Forster and Pace

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Closing Public Comments

Cheryl Jermann advised that even though the employees ratified the contract they were not real happy with its contents and so there should be some effort on the part of Council towards improving relations with staff.

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Forster said we should address Cheryl's observations

Adjournment

Councilor Forster moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Hamilton

Yes Councilors Forster, Bianchi, Pace and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Adjourned approximately 7.50 PM

Mayor

City Clerk