



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 September 8, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: all present

New Business: Budget Review

John Spencer was present to discuss the 2016 City budget. In preparation for the discussion he provided Council with a budget memo and a public works wish list that he had put together with Richard Lafayette's assistance. This information was supplemented with the monthly budget to actual report.

John said that based on 8 months of 2015 financial information he is forecasting the City's financial picture is improving to the extent we will be in better financial shape in 2016 and that situation opens the door to new funding considerations. The Council spent about 55 minutes discussing the various memo components. No financial decisions were made, however certain preferences or concerns came to light during the course of discussion including the following items:

- A desire for two noticed public hearings to assure adequate Citizen input;
- Reception to certain personnel and legislative body funding proposals;
- Reception to hiring a half time public works employee;
- Interest in increasing the firefighter call out stipend – perhaps raising it from \$10 to \$20 per call out;
- Possible modification of law enforcement funding and redirection of law enforcement revenues to code enforcement related issues [such as animal control];
- Reception to funding the suggested list of capital facility improvement priorities;
- Rating placement of individual water meters as a higher priority than installation of meters to public buildings [like City Hall];
- Removal of FOG funding from the list of priorities;
- Funding the smaller budget items on the public works wish list;
- Adding Community Garden as a possible budget line item.

Adjournment: 6:55 P.M.



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Meeting Call to Order 7:02 PM

Roll Call: Councilor Baker absent

Audience: 5 persons present

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions [none]

Consent Agenda

Approval of August 25th Minutes

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

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Recusal Councilor Forster recused himself due to uncertainty about his legislative status

Passed 3-0-0

Guest Presentations [none]

Public Comment:

Bev Charlton spoke on behalf of the community garden asking the Council to consider funding this organization as part of constructing the 2016 budget. She also asked for the placement of a way finding sign alerting folks to the presence of this facility. Additionally, she asked that the City provide some information about the community garden on its website. She said this operation was proving very beneficial and noting that excess garden products are taken to the food bank in Stevenson to feed the hungry.

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Pace thanked Bev Charlton for her presentation and said this was the proper time to alert the Council of this budgetary need.

Councilor Hamilton advised he had researched State Statutes and from that review is of the belief that Councilor Forster's coming back on Council is not an automatic action rather the Council needs to reappoint him if he wishes to continue service in this capacity.

Councilor Forster acknowledged Council Hamilton's position and said he had no problem with it.

Mayor Stevens advised there was an effort to post Councilor Forster's vacancy.

Councilor Pace said we should not belabor this issue, rather at the next Council meeting we affirm Councilor Forster's presence on the Council, it should take 5 minutes.

Mayor Stevens said that obviously there are some competing positions on Craig Forster's return to Council. Accordingly, we should wait until our attorney is present at the next Council meeting before determining an appropriate course of action.

Administrator's Report none

City Attorney's Report none

Unfinished Business none

Payment of Hearing Examiner [Joe Turner] Invoice 23245

This invoice had been continued to this meeting to advert a possible appearance of fairness conflict and noting the charges involved in this invoice were related to a land use matter that at the time [the last Council meeting] had the prospect of being appealed to this Council.

Councilor Bianchi made a motion to approve the invoice and by seconded by Councilor Pace

Yes Councilor Pace and Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton and Forster

Abstain

Failed 2-2-0

Closing Public Comments

Diane Hamilton noted that Councilor Hamilton had called out what he believed to be a procedural error and rather than name calling, the Council should follow a protocol to bring Craig Forster back on the Council.

Closing Council Comments

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned approximately 7:23 PM

Mayor

City Clerk