



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor JB Tennison
Councilmember Emily Sabo
Councilmember Margie Lee

Councilmember Mary Helms
Councilmember Joshua Good
Councilmember Taurus Baxter

City Council Meeting Minutes **January 13, 2026** **7:00 p.m.**

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Meeting Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Councilors Good, Sabo, Lee, and Baxter are present. Councilor Helms is absent.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Agenda Changes & Additions: Councilor Good asked that we add election or appointment of Mayor Pro tem. Emily explained the state law which does not prohibit adding this by the Friday before City Council meeting.

Consent Agenda: Approval of December 23, 2025, Council Meeting minutes, and January 13, 2026, 1st half invoices of \$134,675.74.

Motion: Lee, Seconded by: Baxter Good: Yes, Baxter: Yes, Sabo: Yes Lee: Yes

Guest Presentations: N/A

Public Comment: None

Councilmember Comments:

Councilor Baxter stated that the Firehouse needs audited. He extended his appreciation and welcomed Mayor Tennison and the new Councilmembers.

Councilor Sabo thanked the community for being here and for all who voted.

Councilor Good asked Mayor Tennison to instruct accounting to follow the Audit recommendations and correct the vacation accruals for the two employees.

Councilor Lee: No comment.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Scheyer informed the Committee that they do not do code enforcement and do not know where we stand. Someone was staying in a trailer out at Strawberry Island trailhead. She talked about Senate Bill 5974 and briefly explained what it means.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Tennison thanked everyone for being here. He introduced himself and stated that he has lived in North Bonneville since 1985. He stated that he will do his best to serve the community.

City Clerk Report: Deputy City Clerk Amy Weaver welcomed the new faces to the table. She also stated that we have done some good interviews.

City Attorney's Report: Emily congratulated the new Mayor and Councilors. She announced that Dan Curtis will attend Council meetings going forward. She needs to step back for personal reasons; however, she said she thoroughly enjoyed working with you all.

Planner's Report: Richard reported the planning commission met last Tuesday, January 6th and held a public hearing to review the staff report prepared by Jackson Civil Engineering for the Cascade Business Park – Binding Site Plan. We reviewed six of the main application documents including the SEPA report, proposed project design, and associated impact statements. The commission had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the design and future plans for development and unanimously voted to accept the staff recommendation of approval with conditions to go before the city council for final determination. I am continuing to work on the Periodic Review process, with a planned public hearing at our next planning commission meeting in February to discuss revisions and additions to our Critical Areas Ordinance. I am also working with the Department of Ecology to make applications for available grants and loans for the purpose of replacing lift stations 2 and #4. I am bringing the Capitol Facilities Plan up to current valuations to improve the accuracy of city planning for future expenditures to maintain, improve or replace city equipment and systems. I have

been talking with Pat Albaugh regarding the city's arrangements with the county economic development council and connecting with Kevin Waters soon.

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

Approval, Excuse Councilor Lee and Councilor Norris from the December 23, 2025 meeting: Motion: Good, Seconded by: Sabo, Good: Yes, Baxter: Yes, Sabo: Yes Lee: Abstain

Approval, Interlocal Agreement for the Skamania County Sheriff Search and Rescue: Motion: Good, Seconded by: Lee, Good: Yes, Baxter: Yes, Sabo: Yes Lee: Yes

Approval, Harold Cook for Position 2 of the Planning Committee, Term ending 12/31/2027: Motion: Lee, Seconded by: Sabo, Good: No, Baxter: Yes, Sabo: Yes Lee: Yes

Approval, Candidate for the Clerk Treasurer position: Motion: Sabo, Seconded by: Good: Baxter: Sabo: Lee: Motion Failed. This will be moved to the next meeting.

Approval, Remove Brian Sabo as authorized check signer at Columbia Bank: Motion: Good, Seconded by: Lee, Good: Yes, Baxter: Yes, Sabo: Yes Lee: Yes

Approval, Settlement and Mutual Release: Motion: Good, Seconded by: Baxter, Good: Yes, Baxter: Yes, Sabo: Yes Lee: Yes

Request for reduction in water/sewer bill due to leakage for Paulette Berry, 714 Chinook: Motion: Lee, Seconded by: Good Good: Yes, Baxter: Yes, Sabo: Yes Lee: Yes

Nomination and Approval of Mayor ProTem for 2026 - Mayor Tennison opened it up for nominations: Nomination: Sabo, Seconded by: Baxter, Baxter: Yes, Sabo: Yes Lee: Yes Good: Yes

Executive Session: There was no Executive Session

Closing Public Comment: Jeff Blakely asked the Council to look at increasing the limit for the reduction in water bills if there is a leak.

Sheriff Scheyer stated that the bill is a huge power play and that they don't like that they cannot control law enforcement.

Julia Blakely acknowledged our new Fire Chief, Kalista Hamilton, and her Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Clapp.

Jennifer Kackley welcomed the new administration and especially women stepping up to be public figures in our community.

Kalista Hamilton welcomed the new administration and asked the Council to think about having the Fire Department report more often to Council to hold her accountable for her position. The Council agreed to add her to the agenda.

Closing Council Comments:

Councilor Baxter stated that he appreciates the community mentioning things.

Councilor Sabo thanked the community for being here and doing the work with us.

Councilor Good reported that we revisited water forgiveness a couple of years ago and changed it from being a lifetime benefit, to an annual benefit.

Councilor Lee thanked the community for being here and announced a Neighborhood Watch meeting on February 28th at the Event Center.

Adjournment: 7:47 pm.

Note: During any public meeting, the Council may adjourn an executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110.