



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Brian Sabo
Councilmember Terry Norris
Councilmember Margie Lee

Councilmember Travis Randall
Councilmember Joshua Good
Councilmember John Acton

City Council Meeting Agenda January 25, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting Call to Order: 7:02pm

Roll Call: Present; Mayor B. Sabo, Councilmembers J. Acton, T. Randall, T. Norris, J. Good. Absent; Councilmember M. Lee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: T. Randall adds to excuse M. Lee

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda: Approval of the January 11th meeting minutes, approval of the January 2nd half Vouchers for \$22,496.05: Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. **Passed 4-0**

Guest Presentations: Cyndi Soliz-Partnership Specialist Skamania County Noxious Weed Program: Cindi has been receiving calls about illegal yard debris dumping, specifically near Aria and Greenleaf as well as near the refuge. She wants to start a conversation about solutions. She mentions the transfer station is hoping to develop compost station. She hopes to share some messaging with the community on how to compost, benefits of composting, and types of noxious weeds in the area. Cyndi would also like to find community members who would be willing to assist in the effort. She says the “creeping Jenny” has started spreading in Hamilton Creek and near Strawberry Island. Sabo mentions that the idea has been talked about to open the PW green dump more frequently or possibly one weekend day a month. Cindy suggests updating NB Municipal Code 8.20.010 to be more specific and mention fines for violators. J. Good asks if there is a way to step back the damage already done, and Cyndi responds that there really isn’t much to do but educate and do better in the future, as the removal is costly. She suggests community education and encouraging composting, as well as letting them know the dumping is being noticed. J. Good volunteers for assisting Cyndi with educating and finding others to help the cause.

Public Comment: Richard Hall of NB mentions the excessive scotch broom under the powerlines that aren’t ours, but need help. Mayor Sabo says the area belongs to the BPA and Corps. Josh says he will bring that issue up with Cyndi as well.

Councilmember Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming. T. Norris mentions the old rules have changed regarding dumping and some are stuck in old ways. He agrees that word of mouth and education on the damage noxious weeds cause would maybe help the situation. J. Acton suggests contacting the waste company for yard debris pick up. J. Good says there may be a multifaceted solution. T. Randall warns to be careful with contract because households may be required to pay even if they don’t use that service. J. Good calls for residents to be mindful and do their part because noxious weeds are devastating to the environment.

Mayor’s Comments: The Mayor thanks Deanna for her hard work during a couple of days of missing employees due to covid. He also mentions that councilmembers need to utilize their city email to keep up on employee inquiries because the phones are each paid for by the city. Tom reminds that if you use

a personal email, it is open to public records requests.

Chief Administrative Officer Report: Deanna reports that the Audit is almost finished and the SAO has noticed improvements since the last audit, but will likely still end up with a finding or management letter due to the inability to completely segregate duties with a small staff. Sabo adds that the SAO would have us hire 2 more people in order to completely segregate and that it's just not realistic. He says their reasoning is to check the checker.

City Attorney's Report: Ken mentions that he is on the same page as Tom about the use of personal devices and emails, suggesting that it is risky and costly if there were to be a records request and there is a possibility of having your device subpoenaed.

Unfinished Business:

- **Skamania County COVID Update, Councilor Acton:** Councilor Acton reports all-time complete total cases in Skamania County are up to 1,110. 154 currently active, and 10 deaths. He does say that the daily trend of cases is now dropping.

New Business:

- **Approval of the NB Snow Removal Policy and Snow Removal Plan:** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Good. Sabo provides a copy of the old plan for reference, as well as the updated plan to ensure the Fire Department has priority. Sabo mentions that the plan was revised to include plowing all the way to Shelly Lane. **Passed 4-0**
- **Approval of WSLCB liquor license renewal for Trailhead Taproom:** Motion by J. Good, second by T. Randall. **Passed 4-0**
- **Discussion, Water/Sewer 5 year Financial Plan:** Mayor Sabo discusses the need to replace two lift stations, need a second well, and an eventual replacement for the transite line. He mentions that the city has borrowing power, but is writing up a plan to hopefully tackle the projects with grants and the city's money without the need for a loan.

Closing Public Comment: N/A

Closing Council Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming. J. Good shares that it is a privilege to be serving on council and that citizens may contact him with any questions or suggestions.

Adjournment: 8:38pm