



## 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 27, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

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**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:00 PM

**Roll Call:** All Councilmembers were present except for Councilman Baxter

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Changes & Additions:** The Sheriff is absent.

**Consent Agenda:** Approval of the January 13, 2026, Council Meeting minutes, and January 27 2<sup>nd</sup> half invoices of \$44,429.32.

Motion: Sabo, Seconded by: Lee Good: No, Sabo: Yes, Lee: Yes, Helms: Yes

**Guest Presentations:** Devin, Jackson Civil Engineering spoke about the rate study/asset inventory that outlines what future rates should look like. The next step for the City should be doing general sewer plan which encapsulates everything the city should do over the next few years. The cost is approximately \$200,000. This process must be put out to bid and advertise for RFQ. He stated the state is moving away from grants.

**Public Comment:** None

**Councilmember Comments:**

Councilor Baxter: n/a

Councilor Sabo: none

Councilor Good: Requested an update from the Mayor of the overage of vacation hours awarded to two employees. Asked for an update on the EDC contract. Stated he was curious about the headway of fulfilling the obligation of the settlement agreement, and wants it taken care of. City Attorney Dan Curtis stated that this discussion will need to be reserved for Executive session. Councilor Good also asked how many hours the Mayor works in City Hall. Mayor Tennison responded he works in City Hall one hour a day.

Councilor Helms: Requested Devin to email his presentation to the Council. He agreed.

Councilor Lee:

**Sheriff's Report:** n/a

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor JB thanked everyone for being here.

**City Clerk Report:** Amy stated that we have been short-staffed and said she appreciated Carol covering for a full week when she was on vacation.

**City Attorney's Report:** Dan Curtis stated that he had nothing to report.

**Planner's Report:** The Planning Commission met on January 6th, 2026, held a public hearing, and reviewed the staff report prepared by Jackson Civil Engineering for the Cascade Business Park – Binding Site Plan. After deliberations, the commission unanimously voted to accept the staff recommendation of approval with conditions, and for it to be placed before the city council for final determination. This matter is before you this evening to vote on our recommendation. Paul Dennis of JCE, author of the report, is available this evening for any technical questions relating specifically to the commission's review. Mayor Tennison has a notice of decision to sign and date upon completion of tonight's meeting. Next, I have been getting the necessary information in place regarding the urgent need to update our city's General Sewer Plan. I have been speaking with Bryan Henrichsen, the Department of Ecology – Water Quality Program specialists, and the Jackson Civil Engineering firm. The procedures for updating this plan are extensive, both in terms of time, entities involved, and financial investments. Tonight, Devin Jackson has presented important aspects of the

process for the council's understanding and consideration.

Our next planning commission meeting is scheduled for February 3rd at 7 p.m. I will introduce the Critical Areas Ordinance amendments required by our Periodic Review process. This is a 71-page document that brings our ordinance up to date with the current state requirements. I will also place a public hearing notice in the Pioneer newspaper and include a link on our website for the public to access the document along with an invitation to comment at our March 3rd commission meeting.

Yesterday I met with State Representative and EDC Executive Director, Kevin Waters, and the EDC Financial Director Cindy Bradley. I will be drafting a report to the city council regarding the meeting, available funding opportunities and important board positions that are open for city representation.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Kalista met with a retired Fire Chief that does grant writing and has agreed to do some for us. They are trying to get a grant for training materials and turn outs. She is also working to get everyone certified on the pump.

**Unfinished Business: Approval, Candidate for the Clerk Treasurer position** Motion: Lee, Seconded by: Helms, Good: No, Sabo: Yes, Lee: Yes, Helms: Yes

Comments: Mayor Tennison explained why Taylor Chambers was selected for the position, including her qualifications and experience.

**New Business:**

- **Approval, General Sewer Plan – Presentation of information by Devin Jackson from Jackson Civil Engineering.**  
This was a presentation and does not need approval.

**Approval, Cascade Business Park – Final Notice of Determination by the City Council** Motion: Lee, Seconded by: Sabo, Good: Yes, Sabo: Yes, Lee: Yes, Helms: Yes

- **Rate Study/Asset Management Plan review**

Comments: Councilman Good reported this was completed last year and we have saved about \$50,000. We have analyzed the rates and other upkeep expenses, and the City needs to set aside \$270,000 every year at the very least. Council needs to review this for consideration and deliberation and vote soon. He stated that he wants administration to put together a multiyear plan proposition.

**Executive Session:** none

**Closing Public Comment:**

Jeff Blakely stated that over the past few months the topic of the new mayor and what he has been doing is uncomfortable for him to listen to. He believes that people need to account for their time and the public wants to know if they are getting value for their dollars and the same for personal service contracts. Council does not get paid much but he would like to see the same thing, like a monthly report. He stated he has watched as action items come up that some are not prepared for the meeting.

Don Stevens stated it is not the council's job to attend to accounting of their time. He also stated he wants to see council in person.

Mayor Tennison stated that he is here every day, answers emails throughout the day, he is on-call every day, does ordinance enforcement, i.e., people parking on sidewalks.

**Closing Council Comments:**

Councilor Baxter: n/a

Councilor Sabo: Reported that she is still learning the ropes, and stated she likes the idea of reporting every couple weeks what we're doing, seeing, and working to be better.

Councilor Helms: No comments

Councilor Good: Stated this is the first meeting he has attended virtually in over a year, but he has the flu and didn't want to get anyone sick. He apologized for his absence.

Councilor Lee:

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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