



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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North Bonneville Workshop Minutes February 19, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Council Workshop

Workshop Meeting Call to Order: 6:32pm

Roll Call: Present; Mayor B. Sabo, councilmembers J. Acton, T. Randall, J. Whitcomb. Absent; councilmembers T. Norris (arrived at 6:35pm), M. Lee

Unfinished Business:

B. Sabo- The streetlight project was supposed to start on Feb. 11, but due to snow, have rescheduled to start on March 4th. **Consideration of potential Resolution to form Metropolitan Park District (pool):** We have a letter here from Alex Hays that he would like us to put together a resolution to put forward to council to approve adding this to the ballot without having to gather signatures. They have to get 15% of total population to sign to be allowed on the ballot otherwise. Tom J.- in the past, this has been voted down by nearly two thirds. T. Randall- It was mentioned that there was a levy that was supposed to be lowered which would make the tax cost different virtually nothing, but now they are losing some logging tax. If we become part of this though, the money doesn't necessarily stay in NB. B. Sabo- I would rather get the people's vote than have the five of us make the decision for everyone. T. Norris- agreed. J. Acton- if he gets the signatures, better all of those being responsible than the five of us. J. Whitcomb- what money? T. Randall- the levy was going down which would have lowered enough for this tax to have no impact. B. Sabo- it belongs to the school, but we will end up paying- Skamania doesn't have to pay.. Many people gave money to the pool, but the deficit was so large that donations and the tax still wont cover the cost. Tom J- once the levy is in place, they can raise it at any time without a vote. We really want you to think on this decision. B. Sabo- we will add in agenda changes whether we go forward on this or not.

New Business:

B. Sabo- Washington State Parks called last week and informed us that the Cannabis Corner logo too closely resembles the State Parks logo. Deanna directed them to call the PDA and Cannabis Corner to address. Dan from PDA- we are working now to change our logo.

- **City Council Positions up for election 2019:** There will be two vacancies in City Council positions upcoming. B. Sabo- there are very specific dates to apply for city council. Tom J- April 19th is the first day that candidates can file by mail.
- **Public Works equipment:** B. Sabo- our public works department desperately needs equipment. During the snow, one of our plows broke and had to be rigged up but is now not functioning as it should. T. Randall- there were people on ATV's with plows who wanted to help throughout the city. B. Sabo- they should do private only. There were plenty of people who needed help with driveways. If we have them help with the city, there are contracts and insurance and other items that make it not very conducive to hire in a hurry. The guys really have to concentrate on

the roads. The problem is that the street drains have to stay clear or our wastewater system will have trouble if they become overfull. We are definitely wanting to get at least a V-plow by next winter. D. Adams- The City of Vancouver will have some surplus vehicles coming up in March and we are now on the list for a plow and a bucket truck. B. Sabo- we had to spend 12-15k on extra help and hours spent on the snow emergency. There is an option for partial reimbursement through emergency funds. We are working with John Carlson for this reimbursement. T. Randall- Wanted to thank people who came out to help and dedicated hours to plow and help us keep the roads clear and clear people's driveways. They put in lots of hours. B. Sabo- Henrichsen wanted to thank the city for moving cars off of the road for easier plowing.

Adjournment: 6:55pm



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City Council Meeting Agenda February 12, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order: 7pm

Roll Call: Present; Mayor B. Sabo, councilmembers J. Acton, T. Randall, T. Norris, J. Whitcomb. Absent; councilmember M. Lee

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: B. Sabo- excuse M. Lee, move forward with park district decision, emergency declaration for snow.

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of January 22, 2019 meeting minutes. Approval February first half Vouchers:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 4-0

Guest Presentations: N/A

Public Comment: Greg Johnson of NBFD- I have been working on the emergency plan and you should have that by the end of the week. The concern is the Dam. It has a rating of "D". In a 2014 interview with KATU, a rep of the Army Corp of Engineers stated that the spill gates have trouble with high capacity, the electric and mechanical functions are not sufficient, there is erosion, etc. Greg- they have issues. Some we may not even know about. I think the council and mayor should consider looking closely at this and meet with them.

B. Sabo- will do. Thank you for working on the emergency plan, that allows us to go for more grant funding when complete. Also, proud of our firefighters for getting hazmat trained. Thank you Greg and department for all your hard work.

Eric Kackley- resident and owner of 420 Evergreen Drive- Can something be done about some conflict with the PDA? We were working on a deal of getting Cannabis Corner out of the lease early. There was a discussion to finish fixing issues such as leaks and mold in early January, but two months later, nothing is resolved. I'm trying to avoid pain and a fight. Yesterday, the store director, Dan from PDA, and Fern (financing) were at the property with a heating/cooling guy. They were contemplating removing the AC/heating unit against the rules of the lease. Leasehold improvements are to stay per the lease agreement. Seemed inappropriate to me. I'm just not getting proper communication and am being lied to. Everyone loses when we fight. Because it's your PDA, I thought maybe you could help. B. Sabo- I was at the original exit walkthrough. They wanted to do a lump sum payout to get out of the lease. It was agreed that the fixes would be done by January 5th. T. Randall- what is the cause of the leak? Eric Kackley- an illegal sign installation and then not properly fixed when removed. The holes were only caulked and have now leaked and turned the ceiling to mold. B. Sabo- Unfortunately, we have to say, it is part of the lease agreement which was not between us. Tom J- you may want to talk to Ken when he's here. T. Randall- we can only oversee, not uphold. Eric- 2 months have gone by and they don't even

have a quote to fix the problems. I'm willing to discuss a different deal now that so much time has passed. T. Norris- so the PDA board is aware. J. Whitcomb- I'm surprised you're upset that there's damage. I was an original PDA member and watched them put a lot of money into that building. Eric- That isn't relevant. As a business, it was part of the contract that they agreed to. T. Randall- you will likely have to go through small claims court if the contract is broken. Eric – It was frustrating already that they put up the sign illegally with no permits and no permission from the landlord. T. Randall- we are limited in what we can control. B. Sabo- I'm hoping that we can get this fixed quickly and quietly without negative publicity and a fight. Eric- the business plan and lease is beginning to end and they aren't at the end yet. I run my business and give to the community every chance I get. I'm tired of the lies and badmouthing and then them asking for breaks. Thanks for listening. T. Randall- this opens a discussion and the board will be aware. Eric- you're welcome to read the contract about the leasehold improvements. T. Randall- a contract is a contract.

Councilmember Comments: T. Randall- thanks for coming. Thank you to the Mayor and Public Works for all their hard work in the snow.

Mayor's Comments N/A

City Clerk Report: I spoke with the City of Vancouver and have had us put on the surplus list for March. They may have a bucket truck and a plow we can get for low cost.

City Attorney's Report: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

- **Modification of Agreement Holiday pay:** B. Sabo- there was a discrepancy between the union contract and the personnel manual. Union says time and a half pay for holidays if you work, manual states double time. The union said we can add a memorandum of agreement to modify from council. The guys have been receiving the double pay for at least 8 years. I want it to be understood that we are not paying any differently than we have been, just adjusting to match policies for the audit. We had already adjusted the manual for other issues, but this one was missed. Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 4-0
- **Resolution 522 License Agreement Ballfields:** Motion by J. Acton, second by T. Randall. Tom J.- the background is that the little league several years ago came in and fixed up our baseball field to use. Spent 30-50k in improvements and only used 4 or 5 seasons and not used since. Alex Hays came back to work with the league and will maintain. It's great for the kids and the community. They will hold us harmless, clean and maintain it. T. Norris- I suggest they put up cameras due to the recent vandalism. Alex- right field has a fence that opens. We will be driving in to work in conditioner and such. WE just wanted to ensure the ability to use this through the life of the contract. I used to coach, and the residents would come and watch the games. I grew up here and used to play as well. Last year there were 248 kids involved. Tom J.- this is a 10-year agreement to maintain and use the facilities. Alex Hays- games start in June. B. Sabo- we just need to relocate the flagpole to ensure the life flight landing zone is clear for them. Passed 4-0
- **Resolution 523 sewer rate adjustment:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. B. Sabo- the sewer billing was a disaster for a while, as we all know. Last year, they stopped using averaging and CPI and went with a flat rate. The problem is that our sewer rate is very low and hadn't been raised since. Tom J- when council changed it back then, we went with a lower number to see how it went, and now it is realized that we need an increase. We are asking to raise it by \$4/month. T. Randall- is that enough to cover what we need? Deanna- we need lift station replacements. This will help, but not cover all. Grants are in the works. B. Sabo- we will be having someone come out to do a rate study later this year. We also lost a lot of revenue by losing the hot springs and FRN not running yet. We are a little low, but this will be sufficient for now. T. Norris- we have one of the lowest rates around, even with this increase. Passed 4-0

- **Excuse M. Lee:** Motion by J. Acton, second by T. Norris Passed 4-0
- **Resolution 524 regarding emergency snow declaration:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 4-0
- **Discussion of forming Parks District:** B. Sabo- this was discussed in workshop, we need to decide whether to move forward or not. Tom J.- We are only getting a consensus of the council to move forward or not move forward with a resolution to join the parks district, no motion and no vote. T. Randall It's about half and half between the people I've talked to. I'm willing to sign the petition, but I think they should gather the signatures rather than rest the decision on the 5 members of council. J. Acton- based on voter history on this topic, we should let the people decide. Alex- Stevenson has signed already. If we gather signatures, it's 15% of county population, not just Bonneville. This is just a Segway to avoid gathering the signatures and puts it straight to ballot. The pool association is who is running this, not the school districts. T. Randall- Timber funds were cut and heard they are doing another levy increase. Alex- we just received 2 years worth of logging tax. T. Randall- but then it ends. Alex Hays- if we don't do the parks district, the pool won't survive. Tom J.- I'm discouraged that it belongs to the school, but it's not even part of the school curriculum to use it. Disgusted that the school district isn't supporting and using what they own. B. Sabo- Most of the people I've talked to say no. Greg J- I went for the first time, it looks nice, but needs more advertising and needs to be utilized. I suggest you try before you vote. B. Sabo- if we sign this resolution, we're already in, no matter the people's vote. Alex Hays- if we did a survey and people show interest, would you revisit the idea. T. Norris- no. I want the signature vote. T. Randall- should gather yays and nays on notables. Tom J- this consensus is not binding, you can reconsider. B. Sabo- we can decide now and move forward to write up resolution for next meeting if approved. Consensus; J. Acton-nay, T. Randall-yay, T. Norris- nay, J. Whitcomb- yay. Sabo breaking with nay. Alex Hays- The census must be done by April 1st. I think hitting doors and talking and educating will help explain the levys and benefits to the people. B. Sabo- we're looking at the 2nd week in March to discuss farther. Resolution by 4th week in March if that's decided.

Closing Public Comment: N/A

Closing Council Comments: T. Randall- thanks for coming! Also excited for the opening of the meat shop somewhere between March 31st and April 15th.

Adjournment: 8:08pm