



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 Minutes

March 8, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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Meeting Call to Order: 7pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: J. Good adds discussion of BTF and Planning Commission to New Business

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda: Approval of the February 22nd meeting minutes, approval of the March 1st half

Vouchers for \$43,450.35: Motion by T. Randall, second by M. Lee **Passed 5-0**

Guest Presentations: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Councilmember Comments: J. Good thanks all for coming and cautions drivers to be safe on Hwy 14. M. Lee clears up rumors that she was resigning from council. She is NOT resigning. T. Randall thanks all for coming and thanks Public Works for replacing Fire Department lighting.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Sabo brings up the previous disc golf course issues and says things have improved with community involvement and spreading the word through the DG community. The last two events have been much better with regards to litter and donations. One brought in a \$200 check and the last one brought in \$600 and higher cash donations in the box. Sabo also mentions that our FD Chief, Assistant, and Captain got a compliment from Skamania EMS for their professionalism and help on mutual aid calls. Finally, the Mayor mentions the need to stop spending for a while due to rising costs and decreasing revenues of about 10% compared to last year at this time.

Chief Administrative Officer Report: Deanna reminds council to take their online OPMA and Public Records trainings as soon as possible. Also mentions the new playground structure payment is in the packet.

City Attorney's Report: Ken thanks Deanna for the reminder to council.

Unfinished Business:

- **Skamania County COVID Update, Councilor Acton:** Sabo asks if this can be the last report and council agrees. Councilor Acton reports that Covid totals in Skamania County are at 1,376, with 10 active cases and 13 deaths. Reminds that the mask mandate is over on the 12th.
- **NB Basketball Court Re-furbish Estimate:** Mayor Sabo reports that just to refinish the existing court would cost around \$40k.
- **RCO Grant Update:** Mayor Sabo reports that he and Deanna spoke with the RCO grant agent regarding changes and issues. He mentions that cities working with non-profits run into this frequently, and that the city can resubmit for an increase in grant money and change the scope to reflect current pricing and include engineering costs. He requests this information by the end of this week to submit to the board. Sabo says the

engineer's estimates based on inflation changed the cost of the court to \$170k (up around 30%). Sabo suggests dropping the bathroom from the grant and increasing the ask to \$164k with a city match of \$54k. This still places the city responsible for an additional \$16k over what was originally promised as a match. Hear recording for additional details

New Business:

- **Discussion of BTF and Planning Commission:** J. Good mentions that he received a copy of the suspended operations of the BTF with the city. He mentions inviting the BTF to attend a meeting to discuss, but was politely declined. He presented another invitation to the next meeting and has not heard back. He invites them again so that some questions may be answered as to how to go forward with the trails, maps, signage, etc. that were usually handled by BTF. He mentions that if they are truly done, their charter needs amended to not include the city. He suggests a new commission of volunteers to take over if the BTF is finished. Councilor Good also questions if the Planning Committee needs restructuring due to three of the BTF members also being on the Planning Committee. He invites them again to contact him or attend a council meeting to move forward with a peaceful conversation and to tie up loose ends.

Closing Public Comment: N/A

Closing Council Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming and brings up an issue with business parking. He was approached by a local owner having difficulties with customer parking during large events. The owner suggested possible customer only parking on the first row during business hours. Council discusses different ideas and will add to the next agenda for further discussion. J. Good also says that Mary Helms thanks the city for signage about parking on Island Way, and that it has helped. T. Norris is glad to have our small community band together on issues and states that times will likely get more difficult and it is now even more important to stick together. He also mentions more upcoming work on the tennis court and that more volunteers are needed.

Adjournment: 7:59pm