



## NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor JB Tennison  
Councilmember Emily Sabo  
Councilmember Margie Lee

Councilmember Mary Helms  
Councilmember #4 VACANT  
Councilmember #5 VACANT

**City Council Meeting Agenda**  
**March 10th, 2026**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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**A. Meeting Call to Order 7:03 p.m.**

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**B. Roll Call:** All members were present.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Agenda Changes & Additions:** None.

**E. Consent Agenda:**

**F.1 - Approval of the minutes of the February 24th Council meeting and March 10th first half vouchers.**

On motion by Councilor Lee, Seconded by Councilor Sabo, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote, it was ordered that the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and March 10<sup>th</sup> second half vouchers in the amount of \$33425.52 be approved.

**F. Opening Public Comment:**

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Taylor Chambers stated that on Sunday, March 8 at 3:03 p.m. written public comment was received from Mitch Patton. Since this comment was received after this agenda was published, it would be included on the March 24<sup>th</sup> agenda. She asked anyone who chose to comment to state their name for the record prior to making their comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**G. Councilmember Comments:**

Councilor Helms asked if the City planned to establish a Gorge Days committee. Mayor Tennison responded that he had discussed the topic with staff and noted that Deputy Clerk Amy Weaver did most of the work the previous year. CAO Chambers remarked that it was necessary to have volunteers from the community to run Gorge days due to the current workload of City staff. Fire Chief Kalista Hamilton stated that she knew some people who were willing to help.

Councilor Helms asked for a code enforcement update. Mayor Tennison responded that he received some complaints regarding parking and loose dogs. Councilor Lee added that since the City Council members were delegates of the City, they had the right to say something to someone who violated City code. Mayor Tennison recalled that the City previously had an outdoor kennel at the sewer treatment plant where loose dogs could be held until their owners retrieved them. Councilor Lee did not think there was anywhere in town that the City could legally have a kennel anymore.

Councilor Helms asked when the water could be turned on for the community garden. Councilor Lee thought the water could be turned back on when there were no more freezing temperatures. CAO Chambers stated the water was scheduled to be turned on at the end of the month but could be turned on sooner if there were not going to be any more freezes.

Councilor Lee thanked the public for attending the meeting.

Councilor Sabo declared that some members of the public had asked if she was planning to resign from City Council. She clarified that she had no intention of resigning from Council.

Mayor Tennison asked if the City operated a Facebook page to which CAO Chambers responded no. Councilor Helms stated that the City used to have a Facebook page, but no one was running it. Mayor Tennison thought a Facebook page would be a good way to keep the public informed.

**H. Sheriff's Report:**

Mayor Tennison announced that Skamania County Sheriff Summer Scheyer was not in attendance, but the Sheriff's Report was included in the record.

**I. Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Tennison stated he had been doing a lot of work with CAO Chambers and thought things were going well.

**J. City Clerk Report:**

CAO Chambers remarked that she met with City Engineer Devin Jackson the previous week to discuss public works projects and funding avenues. She was working with Fire Chief Hamilton on the Fire Department's budget and remarked that Chief Hamilton was fantastic to work with. She declared that she made some changes to the agenda and minutes, which had been approved by the City's legal team. She noted that the changes were designed to bring the City more into compliance and to increase transparency to the public. She

reminded the public that applications were open to fill the vacant council seats. She stated that applications were due on March 19.

Mayor Tennison asked CAO Chambers to elaborate on how she planned to change how bills were presented to the Council. CAO Chambers stated that the City's voucher packet had never been included in the public record, which she did not agree with. She mentioned that she spoke with the City Attorney who agreed with her determination. She announced that the voucher packets would be included with the agenda packets going forward.

**K. City Attorney's Report:**

City Attorney Dan Curtis highlighted an addition to the agenda under the public comment section regarding lobbying. He stated that it was important to have that verbiage in the agenda because there were occasions where people made inadvertent comments supporting or opposing a ballot item.

**L. Planner's Report:**

City Planner Richard Hall announced that the Planning Commission would hold a public hearing that week to consider approval of the Critical Areas Ordinance. He reviewed the next steps of the Ordinance if it was approved by the Commission. He noted that on Monday, March 16, there was a virtual meeting scheduled with the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to discuss general matters concerning the Cascade Renewable Transmission (CRT) project. He declared that Planning Commissioner Harold Cook would be the City-designated representative and would act as a liaison between the City and the EFSEC.

**M. Fire Chief report:**

Chief Hamilton announced that new lights would be installed at the fire house the following morning. She declared that the donation of the lights was facilitated by the Skamania County Search and Rescue. She noted that Engine 8-2 was running again. She received bids the previous week to replace radios and pagers, which she hoped to purchase with grant money she planned to apply for. She stated that she had a group starting Fire Academy soon. She mentioned that the department was having some personnel issues and declared that the fire department did not have an active Cadet program.

**N. New Business:**

**N.1** - Approval of joint project with Skamania County Public Utility District (PUD) to inspect and record sanitary sewer lines.

Mayor Tennison stated that the Skamania County Public Utility District (PUD) approached him to inquire if the City would be willing to partner with the PUD to pay for half of this project. He explained that when the PUD placed underground lines, it was essential to know where other underground service lines were located. He stated that the PUD planned to map the underground utilities and provide that data to the City using better locate technology than the City had access to.

Councilor Sabo expressed that she had initial concerns about the project but thought the relatively small cost was worth it for the benefit the City would receive.

On motion by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Helms, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote, it was ordered that joint project with the Skamania PUD be approved, not to exceed the amount of \$2500.

Mayor Tennison mentioned that he was working to replace a fire hydrant near City Hall. He stated it was challenging because the existing hydrant was obsolete and parts could no longer be purchased for it. He declared a replacement hydrant was approximately \$3,500 and said he hoped to replace it soon.

**O. Closing Public Comment:**

Mr. Ted Salka asked if the PUD project was only recording sewer lines. Mayor Tennison responded that the project would record all underground utility lines.

**P. Closing Council Comments:**

Councilor Sabo mentioned that she had questions about the PUD project when she read the proposal, but Mayor Tennison answered all of them.

Councilor Lee thanked the public for attending the meeting. She spoke about the upcoming weather and recommended that people ensure their storm drains were clear.

Councilor Helms thanked the public for attending the meeting and for their comments and thanked CAO Chambers for her work.

**Q. Adjournment: 7:31**

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