



## NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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Councilmember Terry Norris  
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### North Bonneville Workshop Minutes

March 26, 2019

6:00 p.m.

#### Council Workshop

#### Workshop Meeting Call to Order: 6:02pm

**Roll Call:** Present; Mayor B. Sabo, Councilmembers J. Acton, T. Randall, T. Norris, M. Lee. Absent; Councilmember J. Whitcomb (present 6:10pm)

#### Unfinished Business:

#### New Business:

- **Dan Bubb from Gorgenet, discussion on faster internet service for North Bonneville.**

B. Sabo- working on a possible deal to get us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with our internet. Dan Bubb (President of Gorge Networks)- I've worked with GorgeNet for 22 years. 6 months ago, Wave purchased the franchise from Sawnet, changed their mind, then offered to Gorgenet. We also run/own the cable plan in Cascade Locks. Just upgraded from aged to Doxus 3. The system was capable of 20-30mg aggregate- for all customers to share. There were cuts in lines, lots of mess and repair needed. They started where you are now with your head end. So far, we can do 50-100mg in CL. They were losing money, put out an RFP. They had a franchise fee, but no investing back into the system. The deal was that we would collect franchise fee instead of giving to the city. We matched dollar for dollar to improve the plant. NB has been collecting a facility use fee of \$100/month from WAVE, but it has not been reinvested. We already offer service here and a resale option through Century Link. My proposal is that we do what we did with CL. There are several breaks in the system, we've received maps and already researched the issues. We would like to upgrade you and provide everyone at least 50mgs on the system. Want to replace the headend with new equipment, fix lines and amplifiers, ultimately get citywide full coverage. Now it's QnA. I propose we make an investment into the system, receive franchise fee and match dollar for dollar on system improvements. I'm asking you waive the \$100 rental fee while we continue to invest in the plant. Leasehold improvements are for the city to keep and investment will remain with the city whether Gorgenet is forever involved or not. We can go any way you want, we just wanted to have a first dialogue to present the options for improvement. The service is embarrassing now, but can't improve without these issues being addressed and upgrades done. I'm not here asking for money, but would like you to work with me to invest in the system and upgrade as partners. T. Norris- through existing cable? D. Bubb- yes. T. Norris- resell Century Link? D. Bubb- we have a wholesale and resale program. Cost about the same to you. Century Link DSL is not in good shape here either- people choose us mainly for better customer service. T. Randall- you don't even offer on our side of town. D. Bubb- that is where issues need fixed- there is a break and we want to fix it to get full coverage. T. Jermann- all the newer subdivisions have it, but that side is limited. D. Bubb- in CL, first thing was running a main line of fiber, then did lateral fiber for some. Fiber is difficult in some places, so cable system is it, but 50mgs is 50 mgs. Coax is okay and good enough for 50 mg. A lot of coax is direct bury, you have to actually have to bury new coax into city ground. Absolutely a choice for the city- if we have to tear up something from

point A to point B, it does happen. Sometimes you have to repair some grass, etc. but it comes with the job. M. Lee- even with Century Link, I might get 12mgs on a good day. T. Randall- once repaired, we should get it? D. Bubb- that is the hope and goal. I'm not here to slam anyone, but the service is not good, whether from Century Link or us because of the breaks and damages. Towns have been orphaned by carriers because of lack of improvements. This is what we do throughout all areas we work in. This is a community project. Everyone here is pitching in, requires community involvement for community benefit. I don't want to badmouth anyone, but they have an old system and small customer base here and doesn't make sense for them to dump money. That is our goal though is to help improve on our small communities through working together. The best way to do this is a high level of community involvement. Our price is \$49. M. Lee- DSL/phone line cost me \$130/month. D. Bubb- the only way we do the low price is because we have virtually no operating costs. Also the only provider in several areas, so there is a certain level of service expected and price expected by working together. Competition drives price down, but if you can do that through relationship instead, it's a win-win. B. Sabo- had Gorgenet in the early 90's and it was great, but new tech took over and a few agencies said they would do things here, but never did. We need to get into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and upgrade. B. Henrichsen- I've been on Gorgenet for years, mainly due to customer service. They have been on top of things in my opinion. Audience member- I use and like Century Link. D Bubb- this system is capable of 20-30mg aggregate, you have maybe 25 people on coax right now. I can send some test results and investigate current. Up to the city to decide on the franchise fee, if there is one, where it goes. \$49.95 service, 5% franchise fee, and some other fees required by law- usually around \$60 total per month- this is for 50mg average. I have a bad habit of doing things before deals are made, so the equipment is already on its way and we could get started quickly after testing the equipment. Testing amplifiers takes time but can start as soon as head end system installed, and the rest of the process moves quickly. The perimeter of the city can be somewhat of a science experiment to get going, but the goal is to get this to every home here. B. Sabo- TV system closed down in 2011. D. Bubb- we charge \$99 setup fee, which includes modem/not wifi, but do have a separate program for wifi- just want to make sure to put it all out there while I'm here. Some places will be easy and no charge, others may require trenches dug, etc, we prefer not to have to charge for those things and many times, people will volunteer to come out with a ditch witch, etc. to help out and reduce extra charges to get things going. We don't rent our cable modems, it's included. We do rent out the optional wifi which includes remote access for troubleshooting, also does firmware upgrades on a regular basis. B. Sabo- to audience- are we interested in this? Audience- yes. D. Bubb- I don't want to pay anything for this, but I do want to match and invest in your system to gain your service. We should put time limits on it regarding franchise and use agreements, reporting mechanism on investments, etc. We're doing this already in other areas, so we do have examples. B. Sabo- there's ways we can do it, creative thinking. D. Bubb- the one thing you should be comfortable with is that you are never done doing repairs and upgrades- things go bad and need replaced, new connections, etc. The initial upgrade and repairs are NOT a long process and we can see improvements pretty quickly. T. Jermann- it would be great to see something we invested in years ago actually work! When you're able to switch, timeline, pricing, etc. will be clearly posted when ready. It will certainly be communicated in several ways. The thing that's important to me is that this is viewed as a community project- that's what fuels the system for everyone's benefit. D. Adams- just want to add one more thing on the rent- Wave only pays \$100/mo, it's not a big loss to waive this for the benefit of our infrastructure. T. Norris- I'd like to know the majority thought here. I love Century Link- it's worked well for me and it's fast. B. Sabo- government response- if you like your internet, you can keep your internet. T. Norris- I'm going to be a hard sell- I'm happy. B. Sabo- a lot of these people have businesses and your internet success doesn't serve them.

**Adjournment: 6:50pm**



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7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:03pm

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Changes & Additions:** Gorge Days Funding Request by Bonneville Trails Foundation

**Public Hearings:**

**Consent Agenda:**

- **Approval of March 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Approval March 2nd half Vouchers**

Motion by T. Randall, second by M. Lee Passed 5-0

**Guest Presentations:**

- **Devin Jackson, discussion concerning Complete Streets project**

Devin Jackson – Finishing up the light install. This came through a TIB grant at no cost to the city. LED are different color, more even and directed light. Overall light bleed is less and the new rate was negotiated with PUD because of they've gone from 100 watt to around 30. B. Henrichsen – fixing some ground issues and there are a few lights with issues that we are fixing. Some need new conduit. T. Norris- the LED in the tunnel is exciting. B. Sabo- City Hall lighting will be fixed later, there are issues and needing to be re-bored. We almost lost this grant and Devin was able to reconfigure in time to complete. Devin- everything in NB is direct bury with no conduit, the soil causes corrosion, some was not fused at one time. Old practices are being replaced so we are up to date as well as saving power cost. T. Norris- 3 years ago they put in a new cable? Digging and machinery. B. Henrichsen- that was a main power cable. D. Jackson – we are also working on our plans for the Complete the Streets award. City adopted a complete streets ordinance, which is required to address multimodal transportation. Your trails system is designed for that. The funding is limited in scope, so it has to be directed at mainly non-motorized transportation. WE will be adding a crosswalk at Garrison and fixing uneven pathways. We had considered a crossing right by Chevron, but it was determined to be an unsafe area until entrance turns are changed. B. Sabo- not a safe place until we can fix that traffic flow.

**Public Comment**

**Councilmember Comments:** T. Randall- thank you for coming

**Mayor's Comments:**

**City Clerk Report:** hear recording

**City Attorney's Report:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

B. Sabo- in your packets, for your reference, you'll find the February BTA, PDA financial report, and the monthly sheriff log.

- **Bonneville Discovery Trails Plan update approval**

Motion by J. Acton, second by J. Whitcomb. Jake Meyer - In 2013, we started the plan. It needed

revision, so the planning commission has been working on it. Focused for many years on internal ops, the trails foundation became non-profit and began to branch out. Now the focus is on building infrastructure, towns and trails plan, NB trails hub point with possibility to connect to the PCT. Several groups are involved with that, including the FNW, Friends of the Gorge, Mazamas, etc. This plan shows anything you need to know about what we're doing. Should have quite an exciting presentation for Council shortly. You can check out the website at [bonnevilletrails.com](http://bonnevilletrails.com). Passed 4-1

- **Amendment 1 to Interlocal Agreement For Dispatch Services approval**

B. Sabo- agreement for dispatch services with the sheriff's department. There is an amendment, which can happen every four years. You have the copy of section A of the cost breakdown. This adds service for two years. Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. T. Norris- this is a new contract? T. Randall- extended. T. Norris- is this based on the number of calls? B. Sabo- see schedule A payments and calculations. This is for FD calls, EMT calls, emergency services other than sheriff. To use the dispatch. This amends to extend through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of 2020 with no change in the amount per call. Something to note is that our percentage of calls has gone up. T. Norris- because we're more qualified and more equipment to assist. B. Sabo- everyone in the county is charged based on the percentage of calls used. Passed 5-0

- **Request for Gorge Days Funding**

Deanna Adams – Last year, I requested 7,000 from hotel/motel tax. Previously, the Chamber had requested funds and run the event. Due to Hotsprings closure, we no longer have a large amount going into the lodging tax fund, which is what is used to run these events when agencies request funding. This year, I am volunteering through the Bonneville Trails Foundation to keep the event alive, but the hope is that agencies step up and start saving funds from sponsorships and proceeds to eventually make the event self-sustaining through business and non-profit agencies. The Bonneville Trails Foundation has agreed to allow me to run the event again, with ending proceeds donations decided on by the BTF. Jake Meyer- We are excited to gain more visibility and coordination within the City now that we are a non-profit. B. Sabo- the plan is that Deanna can assist her own time with the Trails Foundation and work on future plans to continue Gorge Days well after hotel/motel tax money is no longer available through the city. Deanna – we amped up the sponsor letters and got them out earlier with hopes that we can run on less hotel/motel tax funding. Last year I utilized the 7,000 along with around 3,000 in sponsorships, where the Chamber had usually run around 20k and up for marketing and running of the event. My hope is that we can keep the lower cost going with volunteers, sponsorships, and partnerships with individuals and businesses. Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. Passed 5-0

**Closing Public Comment**

**Closing Council Comments:** T. Randall- thank you for coming. I appreciate the community involvement. B. Sabo- I'm going to ask to give B. Henrichsen a hand. He works very hard for us and has for 19 years. We couldn't run the city without him! He knows how everything here works.

**Adjournment: 7:45pm**