



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Brian Sabo
Councilmember Terry Norris
Councilmember Margie Lee

Councilmember Travis Randall
Councilmember Richard Hall
Councilmember John Acton

City Council Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021 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, R. Hall (via zoom).
Absent; M. Lee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: B. Sabo adds Park Place meter discussion and excuse M. Lee to new business. T. Norris adds a discussion of the tennis courts.

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of the March 23rd meeting minutes. Approval of the April 1st -half Vouchers for \$33,584.** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris **Passed 4-0**

Guest Presentations: Chief Pat Bell, trail restoration and tree planting. Fire Chief Pat Bell shares what the Fireman's Association is doing in North Bonneville. They are working to restore an old trail that was off of Garrison, referred to as "Parcel C". Pat asks council if the name "Elk Ridge" is okay as the new name, calling the trail the "Elk Ridge Loop Trail". Mayor Sabo responds that Parcel C will still be parcel C, but we can call it Elk Ridge as we do with Coyote Ridge. Chief Bell continues to explain that The Association as well as the Bonneville Trails Foundation are footing the bill for the improvements, which will include tree planting, reconstructing a gazebo, and educational signage. Pat was able to obtain 82 seedlings to plant and asks for input on the location for the new trees. He is hoping this improvement will deter people from illegal dumping in the space, allow a better environment for the animals, share geological and biological information, and encourage community involvement. He adds that the amount of underbrush in the area is a serious fire hazard. Tom Jermann asks if the trail will be paved and Chief responds that it will be a natural trail. J. Acton asks if families can purchase or plant trees. Chief responds that there will be upcoming opportunities for sponsorship of tables, trees, or help planting and improving the area.

Public Comment: N/A

Councilmember Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming and suggests people burn their debris when allowed and not dump on city property. Mayor Sabo responds that the Public Works burn pile is available for free Mon-Friday from 7-3:30. Chief suggests that we possibly have more frequent burns to allow for more at public works and Mayor Sabo responds that we are not staffed for that, but could possibly open up one weekend a year for those who can't make it during the week.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Sabo shares that we are able to resume in-person council meetings starting at the April 27th meeting, but will continue zoom option and see if there are enough participants to continue. Sabo also mentions that the repairs to the reservoir road will start tomorrow and likely be complete by the end of the week. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo explains that the dollar amount of the

vouchers was high due to receiving our new pump for station #1 which was severely damaged during the beginning of COVID from flushing foreign materials and was already old.

Chief Administrative Officer Report: Deanna Syron reports that she and Josh Good have been working on cleaning up our financial accounts. There were many outstanding transactions over the course of several years that were “hanging out” in the system and throwing off reconciliation numbers. She shares that the accounting software is much cleaner and now are able to consider the transition to a more feasible option for our financial software next year. She also shares new forms that will be discussed with Supervisors regarding their monthly position for common expenditures. This form will be an easy-to-read way for the supervisors to be on board with where they stand at any point in the year regarding expenditures.

City Attorney’s Report: Ken Woodrich reports that there is current legislation that may allow for help with reconstruction and new development at little to no cost to cities. He will keep us apprised.

Unfinished Business:

- **COVID-19 Update Councilor Acton:** Councilor Acton shares that Skamania County has had 277 confirmed cases, 20 current presumed cases, 10 active cases, 1118 who have been tested.
- **Update for sale of City CBD Lot #40:** Mayor Sabo explains that he has contacted an appraiser and the lot should be appraised within the next couple of weeks.

New Business:

- **Ordinance # 1136 amending Municipal Code Chapter 9.12 Alcoholic Beverage Control:** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. Mayor Sabo explains that there have been reports of marijuana and alcohol use within the park, which are both illegal. He says that our municipal code addresses alcohol use, but not marijuana and needs to be more specific for enforcement purposes, and to match state law. He also mentions adding signage around the park to specify the rule. **Passed 4-0**
- **Ordinance # 1137 amending Municipal Code Chapter 6.04 Animal Control:** Motion by J. Acton, second by T. Randall. The Mayor shares that someone was caught dumping a wheelbarrow of animal waste near the trail Chief had mentioned earlier and that the code states to pick up your pet waste, but was not specific to “no dumping of pet waste on city property”. This amendment is for clarification on the matter. **Passed 4-0**
- **Approval Utility Relief Program COVID-19:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. The Mayor shares that there is a new application for utility relief to avoid being shut off. He continues that there are a handful of people not paying the utility bills, but are known to still be working. Deanna mentions that the standard payment plan is still an option with the upfront 50% payment followed by smaller ones, but this plan is specifically for difficulty paying due to COVID and doesn’t require the 50%. Sabo continues on that this would need legitimate proof that the difficulty is due to loss of income from COVID. **Passed 4-0**
- **Approval Resolution # 546 amending Resolution # 543 Exhibit B Water Fees:** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. Sabo explains that the summer water dates need to be changed to reflect current billing cycles rather than mid-cycle. It was also discussed to push it forward to cover the later summer months that are still very dry. The period would be changed to July 1st through October 31st, rather than starting in May and ending in August. **Passed 4-0**
- **Expenditure of Park Donations, resurface of approved cedar chips for Park Playground:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. Restated motion by T. Randall to state dollar amount not to exceed \$2600, second by T. Norris. Mayor Sabo explains that the chips usually are filled every couple of years for safety on the playground. He is asking that park donation dollars be used this year for the chips. **Passed 4-0**
- **Green Acres Water Meters:** The Mayor explains that it has been discovered that NB PW has been reading meters that are on privately owned land for several years and it is not allowed and

we will be remedying the situation. The properties were intended for individual sale at one point and the city does not own and did not install the meters. The city at the time did not have metered water. The Mayor goes on to explain that the city will be placing ONE meter in the easement that the city will read and charge to the landlord and they will have to decide how to divide the cost on their end. He also explains that part of the issue is that if there is an issue with the line to the apartments, PW has to shut off the main meter, which affects 5 other houses in the area. He states that we are also not able to fix any issues between the main meter and the apartment meters, which likely contributes to our annual water-loss due to the PVC infrastructure used on the property. Sabo plans to put a new meter and shutoff valve in the easement and not continue to read meters on the private property.

- **Excuse M. Lee:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. **Passed 4-0**
- **T. Norris Tennis Court Discussion:** Terry explains that he was disappointed to find that the cracks that had been filled and sealed by himself and several volunteers have reopened and need to be repaired. He mentions that he did a lot of research and spoke to many professionals prior to the repairs and was ensured that he was doing the right thing. He would like council to consider a professional asphalt repair to finalize, rather than just let a piece of infrastructure fail. Tom shares that he may be able to find out what kind of fill and how much was used at the site. Mayor Sabo asks that he bring some quotes and continue the discussion to continue repair.

Closing Public Comment: Dana Hall of NB asks that council continues zoom meetings so that she and others who cannot be there in person are able to still attend. She asks if there are RCW and fines stated on the signs regarding the dumping issue and the Mayor responds that there are only a couple of signs currently and PW is looking to install more that are more specific. Dana also asks who enforces these rules and the Mayor responds that he frequently drives around town and sees what is happening and that Chief Bell is the Code Enforcement Officer and also will intermittently drive the town. Dana also points out a couple of typos and specifics on the COVID form, to which Deanna responds will be fixed and thanks for pointing them out. R. Hall also asks about the vandalism and possibility of cameras. The Mayor responds that it is being considered and that many of the kids causing the issues have been turned in or talked to and it seems to be slowing. Sabo also mentions that if the problem picks up again, it would be likely that cameras would be installed in problem areas.

Closing Council Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming.

Adjournment: 8:27pm