



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 Agenda April 27, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order: 7pm

Roll Call: Present; Mayor B. Sabo, Councilmembers J. Acton, T. Randall, T. Norris, R. Hall. Absent; Councilmember M. Lee (arrived 7:03pm).

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: N/A

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of the April 13th meeting minutes. Approval of the April 2nd -half Vouchers for \$32276.29.** Motion by T. Randall, second by R. Hall. **Passed 4-0**

Guest Presentations: Joshua Good, improvement of city financial accounting program and procedures. Josh Good explains the services he has provided to assist the CAO. He states that the software the city uses is not user friendly and, at times is inaccurate with it's reports. He has helped develop processes that assist in more accurate reporting and involving department heads in the management and understanding of their funds. He also mentions that CAO is working on the Annual Report and that the Vision software is struggling to deliver accuracy in the required reports she uses. He mentions that he will be working with the CAO to research best options for replacing the software prior to creating 2022 budget. He says this will save many hours in administration compiling difficult reports and ensuring correct numbers. Josh also brings up that reserve funds are now being transferred to the money market account within the same bank. He explains this is helpful when looking at the actual liquid money in the checking account vs. what is reserved.

Public Comment: Dana Hall of NB reports that the zoom meeting audio is cutting in and out. The Mayor and CAO respond that the computer we were going to use is not working and they are using a cell phone today. The Mayor assured that we would have a better solution by the next meeting. John Mobley of NB also mentions audio cutting out. He also Was wondering if community letters still go out regarding local services and asks how people are receiving information. His main wonder is regarding internet providers in the area. CAO responds that the city website is the main notification spot, but also posts on the bulletin board, in newsletters, and on the community FB pages. John suggests that there be a mail blast or a sign up on the website for email blasts.

Councilmember Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Sabo reports that Council positions #1, 2, and 5, and the Mayor position are up at the end of the year. Applications can be submitted from May 17th through the 21st. Sabo also mentions that the reservoir road repairs are now complete, which will better protect our main water line. He also shares that PW Lift Station #1 pump has arrived and has been installed. The PW supervisor is pleased, as the old pump would take an hour for a process that now takes 15 minutes. The crew had spent several hours of labor pulling and repairing the old pump with minimal improvement. They would like to request the other pump in station #1 be replaced next year. Sabo adds that in the last four years,

we have significantly improved the reserve funds and were able to pay for this pump.

Chief Administrative Officer Report: Deanna explains that she is in the middle of preparing the annual report, which looks better than previous years regarding financial status. She also explains that pulling reports from the current financial software is quite challenging, but she's working through it. Deanna also explains that she will be working on a CDBG grant to replace Lift Station #2. Brian reminds her to explain the request from the EDC regarding the possible funding from the infrastructure package. Deanna explains that Kevin from the EDC is continuously in talks with legislators and that DC had requested communities wish lists for the possible funding, which could provide Skamania County with \$100 million dollars. The main water line and a bridge repair are both on the wish list.

City Attorney's Report: Mr. Woodrich brings up that the tax increment financing has passed. He states that it may be challenged, but will be helpful for financing our large projects if it's not.

Unfinished Business:

- **COVID-19 Update Councilor Acton:** Councilman J. Acton shares that there are currently 298 total reported cases, 16 active, remaining at 1 death. He suggests remaining diligent with mask wearing and social distancing.
- **Update for sale of City CBD Lot #40:** Mayor Sabo informs all that two appraisers have been contacted with no response back. Just waiting...

New Business:

- **Ordinance 1138 Amending Municipal Code Chapter 6.04 Animal Control:** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. Mayor Sabo explains that he does not want a bunch of new laws, but some are needed for public health and safety. The baseball and soccer fields need to be safe and healthy for upcoming league games and practices, and there have been longstanding issues of dogs waste not being picked up. The Mayor states that there are over 100 acres of land here and would like dogs to not be allowed on these few acres. Unless our ordinance clearly states prohibited areas, there is no option to ticket or fine repeat offenders. He and J. Acton both agree most dog owners here are responsible, and the Mayor shares that he would rather ask people not to continue the behavior, rather than act as police. **Passed 5-0**

Closing Public Comment: Shelly Acton from NB is concerned that the youth hanging out at the gazebo are a little rowdy and stand on tables and damage the gazebo. Many councilmembers and the Mayor respond that local kids have spent time there for years and we will continue to speak to them when we see they are behaving inappropriately. Mayor Sabo is considering installing cameras in commonly used areas. Josh Good of NB is happy we are meeting in person.

Closing Council Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming. R. Hall asks about limited parking by the fields. The Mayor responds that folks are allowed to park all along both sides of the road and there should be enough space. T. Randall suggests an email blast to those involved in youth sports to direct on efficient parking. T. Norris asks about road repair on Cascade and the Mayor responds that the project has been pushed back a bit due to covid and should proceed next year. R. Hall asks about the status of the Cannabis Shop and PDA. Mayor Sabo shares that a new person has signed the lease and is waiting on the LCB. Attorney Ken Woodrich adds that the next steps will be to handle end financials, go to court to demolish the PDA, then allocate dollars to the city.

Adjournment: 8:03pm