



NORTH BONNEVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Brian Sabo
Councilmember Terry Norris
Councilmember Margie Lee

Councilmember Travis Randall
Councilmember Judie Whitcomb
Councilmember John Acton

City Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2020
7:00 PM

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Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sabo at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present; Mayor B. Sabo, Councilmembers J. Acton, T Randall, T. Norris. M. Lee (arrived at 7:05)

Absent; Councilmember J. Whitcomb

Agenda Changes & Additions:

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of April 14th meeting minutes. Approval of the April 2nd half vouchers for \$20,186.98**
Motion by T. Randall, seconded by J. Acton. Passed 3-0

Guest Presentations: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Councilmember Comments: T. Randall thanked all for attending the online Zoom meeting and urged everyone to stay informed,

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Sabo reported that he hopes to start getting the City back to normal soon once the COVID-19 threat is minimized. The public bathrooms have opened and the City Hall lobby will open on May 5th with continued sanitizing and cleaning protocols.

Chief Administrative Officer Report: N/A

City Attorney's Report: Ken Woodrich reported that he looks forward to being there in person soon.

Unfinished Business:

- **COVID-19 Update:** J. Acton reported that each City in the County will be receiving \$25,000 in COVID-19 relief aid, while the County will receive \$75,000. He stated that Skamania County now has 4 confirmed cases, with 3 healed and 1 death. The County has kits available for testing and the governor still plans on opening golf and some hiking on May 5th.
- **PDA Financials:** Mayor Sabo explained that the PDA hired Josh to look over their financials, while the City supported them in the decision by deferring the monthly 1.5 tax payment owed (for a period of time) and saving them money on rent by providing storage and meeting space at City Hall. He reported that Josh is no longer consulting for the PDA, because they decided to go another route. The Mayor asked for some specific financial information from the PDA, which included payments owed, and felt that some were missing. J. Acton explained that the city would need to be paid back the 1.5% tax backdated to March 2020 and moving forward due to the change. He stated that the PDA also owes payments on loans and has property taxes coming up (which he felt was strange in a rental agreement.) Another issue he addressed was that PDA meetings have been held in the shop itself, which is a out of compliance due to it being a public meeting. The City also requested a copy of the LCB audit

and had not been furnished it. The mayor outlined that he would like to invite the PDA to a face to face meeting (once the emergency has been lifted) for the purpose of getting answers to questions, keeping things transparent. Josh has been approved to be an LCB receiver. J. Acton added that they still owe excise tax and PERS. The discussion then turned to the change in sales figures due to the COVID-19 break out, and if the lower tourism would result in much lower sales. T. Randall explained that because the council member's financial advisor choice did not work for the PDA, there are more questions he would like to ask. Ken advised that he spoke to their attorney and told him that a plan to pay off the loans would be good for the council to have. Paul Henry, a member of the community, and accountant who has been helping the PDA with their books spoke to a few points the council members made. He said Josh's bill is due on May 11th, and that is why he didn't include it. (The mayor explained that he wanted all the due bills, not the ones past due). Paul stated that he didn't know about the monthly 1.5% tax payment due the city. Paul added, many building lease agreements require the renters to pay property taxes and noted the store lease included property tax payments but found the tax payments were delinquent. He also stated that the bottom line is looking alright due to losing the two highest paid employees and the reduction of hours. He hopes that the summer months will be more profitable and hours will return to normal. Paul when asked affirmed he had attended a public meeting held by the PDA at the 420 Evergreen store prior to the COVID-19 restrictions. Paul added he didn't think the PDA Board were versed on Roberts Rules when conducting public meetings. The Mayor wrapped the discussion with the plan to have a face to face meeting after when possible.

New Business:

- **Approval to renew Personal Service Contract with Joshua Tree LLC, not to exceed \$2,500;** Motion by T. Randall, seconded by T. Norris. Passed 4-0. The Mayor explained that this was an extension of the financial contract with Joshua Tree LLC.
- **Approval of Resolution #540 Amending Resolution #501, exhibit D Building Permit Fees;** Motion by T. Randall, seconded by T. Norris. Passed 4-0. Tom explained that the City is now contracting with the County instead of the City of Stevenson. Nothing has changed, other than the vendor.
- **Excuse J. Whitcomb from the April 24th council meeting;** Passed 4-0.

Closing Public Comment: Tom thanked everyone for staying involved and informed, even during this time.

Philip thanked the council for their public service through the Zoom chat.

Closing Council Comments: T. Norris thanked Paul for his help with the PDA's books. M. Lee asked about the closure of the parks and disc golf course, as they are closed until April 30th and the order is until May 5th. She also thanked the City for opening the bathrooms in the park. The Mayor closed by reminding the Paul that the PDA needs to have open public meetings outside of the shop to comply. He also stated that City will change the closed signs to May 5th to reflect the correct date.

Adjournment: Mayor Sabo adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

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