



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 May 12, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting Call to Order: 7:00pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance: N/A due to zoom meeting

Agenda Changes & Additions: N/A

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of the April 28th meeting minutes. Approval of the May 1st Half Vouchers for \$13,227.73:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. **Pass 5-0**

Guest Presentations: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Councilmember Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming and social distancing. Ready to cut the fat on PDA. T. Norris asks why some disc golf baskets are missing. B. Sabo responds that it's closed until further notice and we've removed baskets. T. Norris states that the signs read closed until April 30th. B. Sabo responds that we had changed the signs to "until further notice". M. Lee asks about opening now with other park openings. B. Sabo responds that OR and WA are attempting to open both sides of the river at once so nobody gets over visited.

Mayor's Comments: N/A

Chief Administrative Officer Report: In transition from Radcomp to Phoenix, going well.

City Attorney's Report: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- **COVID-19 Update Councilor Acton:** Skamania County has gone to phase 2, but the guidelines aren't out yet. A restaurant manager asked about seating and guidelines are vague. Still at zero active cases, no new cases. Sheriff Brown concerned that if we open before Oregon that we would get a huge influx from Portlanders. Already been extra traffic, now have porta potties out and a map on the county website. Want to thank Chief Bell, Mayor Sabo, and Deanna for all their extra work through this. T. Norris asks about the phases. J. Acton mentions that we are in phase 2, meaning public places only can have 50% capacity and remain 6 ft. apart. Sheriff asked the state that when we go to phase 3 to already have those guidelines ready.
- **PDA Financials:** B. Sabo says that the PDA had been asked to present PnL's, and the response needed more clarification from Germaine LaFleur. Disappointed in the way she's dealing with council. The PDA has moved forward and payed a lot back and it's much appreciated. We are still supposed to know about loans. With the way the economy has been, I've been asked about selling the store and I think it's time. Everyone is working hard on the board, but I'm concerned Miss LaFleur has lost her way. It was agreed that this board was supposed to fix things up

enough to sell and council has already voted to sell by January 2021. They agreed to keep council in the loop, but we are getting what we got from the last board with lack of information, stand-offish, etc. I appreciate the hard work but I think we're at the point of putting it on the market. T. Randall asks if they are still having meetings. B. Sabo responds that the LCB will not allow meetings for the public in that space because they knocked out the wall between the sales floor and the office, which makes it illegal to have public under 21. J. Acton moves to remove Germaine LaFleur from the PDA Board. T. Randall seconds the motion. J. Whitcomb states that Germaine is working very hard for the PDA and she doesn't work for the city. T. Randall states that there has been pushback from Germaine after she pushed Josh out of the consulting position. B. Sabo states that he had asked for a PnL but got a balance sheet. Then was stated that B. Sabo received both reports, but only got the balance sheet. T. Randall stated that Josh was reporting what had been asked for. PDA Attorney Tom Foley states that Josh wrote a resignation letter and wasn't pushed out. They also have a CPA working with them now. It was discovered that Josh had an invoice line item for preparation of PnL. Believes that all board members have been working to give council all information and has not been working against council. B. Sabo states that he asked a question about the PnL and was not given answers about the specifics asked for. Paul Henry states that there's no other agenda than to present financials accurately to council. The \$400 issue was rent for the office, which was combined with the 1500 for regular rent. The \$400 was refunded which is why it went down to \$1100. This is only \$400 when we have bigger issues to discuss. There is a broken link between council and the PDA board. Mary and Germaine have worked hard and have done their best to clean it up. B. Sabo responds that Germaine rallied against any mistakes on the financials when Josh was working on them. Ken Woodrich calls a point of order that removal of a board member is stated by the Mayor and the council confirms removal. Please restate your initiation of the board member and have the council withdraw their motion and second. T. Randall withdraws the second, J. Acton withdraws the motion. B. Sabo states that his recommendation is to remove Germaine from the PDA Board. T. Randall confirms the removal of Germaine and T. Norris seconds. **Pass 4-1 – J. Whitcomb votes no.**

J. Acton moves to put the store up for sale, T. Randall seconds. J. Whitcomb says that the store and it's financials are doing better. B. Sabo responds that it's still not that good and council already voted to sell by January anyway and are trying to avoid receivership. J. Whitcomb mentions very good sales recently. B. Sabo responds that there is no guarantee of continued good sales through this and it's already been voted to sell. J. Whitcomb states that she also voted to sell the store, but has seen such improvement and is unsure why the push to sell now. B. Sabo says that they no longer are getting even the 1.5% tax because we suspended it to let them get their financials together. We are getting nothing from this and getting resistance from the new board. They've done a great job but we need to move forward. Paul Henry states that the balance sheet on page two shows the balances of the loans. Suggests that the Mayor be less emotional about this decision. B. Sabo asks what position he has on the board. Paul Henry says that he has just been helping Germaine with some items. B. Sabo asks what Paul would like to see. Paul Henry says that they just want to see it be in order and have worked hard on the numbers and have all put in very much effort and Germaine has worked tirelessly. Germaine says she has been spoken about and hasn't spoken. She states she has no ill intent on the city and knows that the intent is to sell the business. We've tried to provide everything you asked for. T. Randall mentions that Germaine has given info but not what we asked for, but Josh did. B. Sabo states this isn't an emotional thing and council would like to put it on the market. Germaine responds that that is fine and there is no resistance. T. Randall asks if there are meeting minutes since January. Germaine responds that the minutes are all on the website and

they are working on getting recordings posted. Sometimes have been late, but still posted. B. Sabo mentions that when Germaine was hired, she was asked if she was financial and responded that she was more operational, but Paul Henry has volunteered as the CPA to help out. "I'm not a finance manager and am not claiming to be one." B. Sabo responds that we don't know how the economy is going to go and it needs to be on the market. Germaine responds that she doesn't understand the comments on the lack of transparency and has even sent extra reports. B. Sabo responds that Germaine's responses have been the problem with "schooling" people. Germaine says that she has just tried to give the information as best as possible. Vote on motion to put the store up for sale. **Pass 5-0**

New Business:

- **WSRCO Grant proposal approval:** T. Randall moves to approve the grant proposal, T. Norris seconds the motion. Jake Meyer discusses that this is a facility grant application that they would like council support on. We are applying to gain a multi-use sport court which most of the funds would come from the grant. This is part of our larger picture for the park. It's a detailed application, but we're confident that with council's support that it is likely we will receive this. It's due by June 1st and we would love a letter of support. Tom states that this is a 125k grant with only a 25% match from the city (about \$30,000). This also includes redoing the restrooms. T. Randall asks Jake how this plays out with the bigfoot thing. Jake responds that it plays into the Adventure Park idea and is the first phase. Ken states that the motion needs to include dollar amounts for the grant and the match. Sabo says \$93750 grant with match from the city of \$34000 B. Sabo asks if something doesn't go through with the rest of the plans, the city still gets to keep the facility and remodeled restroom. Tom states this will be submitted as a stand alone project, not as part of the Adventure Park, even though it will tie in to those plans. Greg Hartnell reminds that this grant requires the city's approval and to be listed on the grant because the city owns the property. Sidebar benefit is that the old court is hazardous and will be removed. **Pass 5-0**

Closing Public Comment: N/A

Closing Council Comments: N/A

Adjournment: 7: 59pm