



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor JB Tennison
Councilmember Emily Sabo
Councilmember Margie Lee

Councilmember Mary Helms
Councilmember Jeff Blakeley
Councilmember Ted Salka

City Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday, May 12, 2026 7:00 p.m.

A. Meeting Call to Order 7:00

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B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Agenda Changes and Additions

Chief Administrative Officer Taylor Chambers informed the Sheriff's Report was not included in the agenda packet, but physical copies were provided to the Council and public during the meeting and it would be placed on the website.

E. Public Hearings

F. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 28th minutes.
2. Approval of the May first half vouchers.

On motion by Councilor Salka, seconded by Councilor Helms, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the April 28th Meeting minutes, and the May first half vouchers in the amount of \$36,251.48 be approved.

Councilor Blakeley discussed changes to the minutes.

On motion by Councilor Blakeley, seconded by Councilor Sabo, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the minutes be approved as amended by Councilor Blakeley.

G. Opening Public Comment

This is the time to comment on any matter falling within the purview of the North Bonneville City Council. Please note, the City Council cannot take action on any item which does not appear on the agenda. RCW 42.17A.555 prohibits public officials and employees from using or authorizing the use of city facilities for the purpose of supporting or opposing any campaign or ballot proposition. The City therefore respectfully reiterates that public commenters are not authorized to make reference to such matters.

Mr. Harold Cook introduced himself as the Vice Chair of the City's Planning Commission and the North Bonneville representative of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC). He provided an update on the Cascade Renewable Transmission (CRT) project.

H. Councilmember Comments

Councilor Lee reminded the community to check on their elderly neighbors throughout the summer.

Councilor Helms noted that she had a friend visit from Vancouver who commented on how peaceful and lovely North Bonneville was.

Councilor Salka had nothing to add.

Councilor Sabo had nothing to add.

Councilor Blakeley spoke about his project to work on internet problems in the community.

I. Sheriff's Report

CAO Chambers explained that Skamania County Sheriff Summer Scheyer was not present because she was attending the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Conference.

J. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Kalista Hamilton provided updates including progress made to close out the WSRB report, fittings for turnouts, and grant applications. She provided an explanation about the closure of the City's burn pile and gave suggestions to help the community during the closure. She reminded people to sign up for reverse 911 to receive emergency alerts.

K. Mayor's Report

Mayor Tennison shared an email correspondence between himself and Councilor Lee which he requested to be added to the public record.

L. City Clerk Report

CAO Chambers shared updates regarding code enforcement efforts, budget amendments, and announced that recruitment was open for a part-time office assistant.

M. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Dan Curtis stated that he was working on findings from the state audit and announced that his Legal Clerk Mara Powers had finished drafting the Master Fee schedule for the City which staff planned to place before the Council soon.

N. Planner's Report

City Planner Richard Hall spoke about a training he provided to the Planning Commission at its recent meeting and reminded the Council that the Critical Areas Ordinance would be back before the Council in June.

O. Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 5 Minutes

Pursuance to RCW 42.30.110, the Council recessed to an executive session from 7:35 to 7:40.

P. New Business

1. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilor Salka and Councilor Blakeley both volunteered to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

On Motion by Councilor Lee, which duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Councilor Salka abstaining, Councilor Blakeley was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

2. Approval of invoice 42726

On motion by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Blakeley, which motion carried on a 4-1 vote with Councilor Sabo abstaining, it was ordered that invoice 42726 in the amount of \$930 be approved.

3. Approval of a work session on May 26, 2026

CAO Chambers provided a staff report.

On motion by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Sabo, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the Council temporarily suspend Rules of Procedure Chapter 4.1 for the purpose of holding a workshop during the May 26, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting.

4. Resolution 596 Authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer as an investor in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)

Councilor Blakeley expressed some concerns regarding allowing the CAO permission to delegate authority to make changes to the LGIP.

Councilor Sabo explained that this was a standard practice, the City's investment officer was a trusted member of staff, and she was comfortable with the resolution.

Councilor Blakeley expressed additional concerns regarding the prospectus. He stated that he did not receive the prospectus until the meeting day, but he had read through it and was comfortable with it.

CAO Chambers explained that the prospectus was a public document available on the Washington State Treasurer's website.

On motion by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Sabo, which motion carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Resolution 596 be approved.

5. Accept settlement of ATU Grievance #2388

On motion by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Salka, which motion carried on a 5-0 vote, the City accepted the settlement of Grievance #2388.

6. Discussion Regarding Half Voucher Review – Requested by Councilor Blakeley

Councilor Blakeley expressed his desire to designate a Councilor to meet with staff prior to each Council meeting to review the vouchers and ask questions.

Councilor Salka asked how much time Councilor Blakeley expected this to take. Councilor Blakeley thought it would vary depending on the amount of vouchers.

Councilor Sabo explained that as Councilors spent more time on Council, they would learn that most of the invoices in the vouchers were routine.

On motion by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Blakeley, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, the item was tabled to the June 9th Council meeting.

7. Discussion Regarding Public Comment Prior to Action Items – Requested by Councilor Blakeley

Councilor Blakeley spoke about public comment opportunities during meetings and expressed his desire to allow public comment before each action item.

Attorney Curtis requested that Council allow time for staff to work on this item and bring it back when the Council worked on amending its Rules of Procedures at a future meeting.

It was determined that there was Council consensus to allow staff to work on this item and bring it back before Council at a later date.

Q. Closing Public Comments

There were no responses to the call for public comment.

R. Closing Council Comments

Councilor Blakeley requested a discussion item for a future agenda to address sign permits in the public right of way be placed on the June 9th agenda. It was determined that there was Council consensus to add the item. Councilor Blakeley spoke about Mayor Tennison's email correspondence with Councilor Lee.

Councilor Sabo agreed with Councilor Blakeley's request to discuss sign permits.

Councilor Salka reminded the Council that the changes they wanted to make was costly in terms of staff and contractor time and asked Councilors to be mindful of spending taxpayer money.

Councilor Helms stated she had nothing to add.

Councilor Lee spoke about Mayor Tennison's email correspondence and expressed frustration regarding the manner in which she was communicated with.

S. Executive Session 8:28 15 minutes

Pursuance to RCW 42.30.110, the Council recessed to an executive session from 8:28 to 8:43

T. Adjournment 8:44

Note: During any public meeting, the Council may adjourn to an executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110.