



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 June 23, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order: 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present; Mayor B. Sabo, Councilmembers J. Acton, T. Norris, M. Lee (arrived 7:02pm). Absent; Councilmember T. Randall

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: Personal Service Contract for The Watershed Company

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of the June 9th meeting minutes. Approval of the June 2nd - half Vouchers.** Motion by J. Acton, second by T. Norris. **Passed 3-0**

Guest Presentations: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Councilmember Comments: N/A

Mayor's Comments: The governor extended the restrictions on the Open Public Meetings Act. We will continue zoom meetings until July 1st as of the last update.

Chief Administrative Officer Report: The 2019 Consumer Confidence Report is completed and will be mailed out to citizens by the end of the week. Disc Golf Course open to 5 people or less in a group. The library is putting out holds now.

City Attorney's Report: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- **COVID-19 Update Councilor Acton:** Skamania County has 5 new cases, one recovered. Governor has made mandatory that face coverings are required in all public buildings or it is a misdemeanor starting Friday.
- **PDA Update, court petition:** Judge signed and approved Josh Good as a receiver contingent on obtaining a bond. Ken W explains that before the court hearing, two ex-board members agreed to serve 30 more days to allow for check signing, which took heat off of receivership. According to the Mayor, Josh has found a couple of bond options, but now it may be mute. The expense for receivership is large compared to consulting. Receivership is a lot of work and would include the management of the business and much reporting to the court. It could easily make it into 5 figures. Speaking with Tom Foley and the PDA members willing to stay until the store sells, council should consider dropping the receivership. It was an emergency at the time, but if it can be avoided, it should. B. Sabo was directed by the council to find a buyer. There are two interested parties, but they want numbers. The concern is that the ultimate goal is to find a buyer and we need the numbers for what is owed and what the sale price is to move forward. Josh already knows the system and the PDA board should consider bringing him back to quickly run numbers and give accurate amounts. T. Norris states that he doesn't trust the board members who are wanting to come back on. They put us in this emergency position and they

didn't resign properly. The most important move would be to get Josh in there to figure things out. B. Sabo states he has been in communication with the buyers almost daily and it would be wise to expedite. T. Norris wants to make sure they are on the same page about selling the business. B. Sabo responds that they have agreed to stay on until the business is sold. T. Norris asks if the board would be comfortable with having Josh back as a consultant. B. Sabo agrees that the best move forward is to appoint Josh to manage the details and put together a price. J. Acton agrees that they need to be able to work with Josh to get this done. B. Sabo says they are all on the same page to have it sold. Let's get him in and get it done. M. Lee agrees that it's a good idea. Ken says that he tends to be very practical and has been practicing for 37 years. There can be a lot of money spent in court during litigation. Receivership is a very formal proceeding regardless of the business. Everything you do is reviewed by the court and several filings. If we don't have to do it, we shouldn't and it's more attractive to buyers to not be in receivership. We need to clarify with Tom Foley that Josh will be able to have access to the financials to work things out. B. Sabo states that the PDA would save more money by having Josh back as a consultant rather than in a receivership. T. Norris asks if the city is on the line for costs and Ken responds that his billings have been separated to identify what the PDA will need to pay the city back for. T. Norris then asks if we can put the receivership on hold in the case of the board leaving again. Ken responds that it would be best to just drop it and file again if needed. If we don't need it, we should dismiss it without prejudice and are able to open it up again. T. Norris asks what the next steps are and B. Sabo suggests we move to drop receivership contingent on the PDA board allowing Josh back in to sort out the financials. Josh states that we should get this done with as little cost as possible and he is here to help. Ken also mentions that in order for Josh to get the bond, he has to put his own assets on the line and that's a lot to ask of someone. It's preferable for Josh to come in as a consultant and avoid that. B. Sabo asks that council moves contingent on letting Josh back in and giving it 60 days to straighten out and figure out a price for buyers. J. Acton moves to have Ken start the process of dropping the receivership contingent on Josh coming back as a consultant. T. Norris seconds. **Passed 3-0.**

New Business:

- **Consumer Confidence Report.** Deanna explains that this is an annually required report and is in the process of being stuffed and mailed. The information is also found on the city website. There is a first part of the report called the Water Use Efficiency Report. We showed great improvements due to fixing billing issues, cutting off unauthorized water use, and PW Dept. fixing line issues. We started in 2018 with a report showing 49% losses and now are down to 16%.
- **Vacant Council position applications review.** Candidates need to apply by the 29th. We have two candidates now. Candidates will be interviewed during the first meeting of July. Hoping to have in-person rather than through zoom.
- **Approval personal services contract with The Watershed Company.** J. Acton moves to approve personal contract with the Watershed Company, not to exceed \$2400. Tom J. explains that we already have a contract with them but due to Covid, there were delays and still mapping to be completed. They are picking that back up and it should be complete by August. B. Sabo explains that Tom obtained a grant for this and will be reimbursed for planning time. **Passed 3-0**

Closing Public Comment: Richard Hall asks about all of the staged equipment on Cascade. B. Sabo responds that it is the gas company setting up to do a full inspection of the pipeline. They will be there likely through October. Richard asks if it is something that affects the public. Brian responds that it shouldn't affect us and that they are working on their property and there should be no effect on services.

Closing Council Comments: T. Norris asks about the grant for redoing Cascade. B. Sabo responds that

our engineer is discussing it with the TIB. It was delayed due to COVID. J. Acton asks about when we will be removing the stop sign. B. Sabo responds that the engineer has to do a study and then we will run the removal by council for a vote.

Adjournment: 7:44pm