



## 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 July 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.

**\*Zoom Meeting. Please refer to full audio at [www.northbonneville.net](http://www.northbonneville.net)\***

**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:00pm

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Changes & Additions:** Deanna adds one-time water credit for 110 Aria Way

**Public Hearings:** N/A

**Consent Agenda:**

- **Approval of the June 23rd meeting minutes. Approval of the July 1<sup>st</sup>- half Vouchers for \$27,826.30.** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. **Passed 4-0**

**Guest Presentations:** N/A

**Public Comment:** Deanna reads a written note from NB resident, Jane Jackson – “I wish to thank the city workers for their hard work. The City of North Bonneville looks most attractive this summer. On my daily walks I see city workers hard at work to make North Bonneville a beautiful and safe place to live.”

**Councilmember Comments:** T. Randall thanks all for coming and apologizes for missing last week.

**Mayor’s Comments:** COVID caused brief shortages in cashflow for the city, but looking at the BTA, it appears we are getting better.

**Chief Administrative Officer Report:** Finished major reports for the year. Now working on records purging and archiving. Let us know if you have any budget requests for 2021. Looking for a deal on a cheap phone for public works emergencies/on call person. The parade and garage sales were a success and hoping to continue full festivities next year.

**City Attorney’s Report:** Waiting for the PDA discussion.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **COVID-19 Update Councilor Acton:** Currently Skamania has 34 recorded cases. This is the total number from the beginning, and some have recovered. It also includes those who tested positive for antibodies. Testing at Rock Cove weekly and all who go to the doctor are now getting tested. Mayor Sabo adds that the Governor may start reverting the phases due to the uptick in cases.
- **PDA Update:** Mayor Sabo restates that the council had decided on receivership, but with board members returning, they were going to drop receivership and move forward with getting legit numbers to come up with a sale price. Ken W. has spoken with the PDA attorney and discussed that Josh would be in an oversight position. The volunteer CPA, Paul Henry, has been helpful. According to Tom Foley, the current board and Paul have no issue with this as long as he’s not in complete charge of financials. If that works for the council, I would prepare a dismissal of the receivership. This would be the least expensive time because nothing has come into Josh’s possession yet and there is no bond. The city needs the oversight and I need to hear any

objections from council. Mayor Sabo adds that it is exactly what the council wants is for Josh to do some analyzing of the numbers and be the liaison with the council. After many discussions with Paul Henry, it doesn't seem that the decision is ok with Paul Henry or the PDA board. Ken asserts that Josh not being "too heavy" in the financials and more for oversight and liaison duties seemed acceptable to the PDA and Mr. Henry. Mayor Sabo reiterates that the city doesn't want other liabilities or duties other than viewing the numbers and reporting to council. Ken states that there are interested buyers and we need to quickly get through this so we can sell. He again states that receivership is costly and requires several mandatory reports. We needed the receivership at the time because we had no board. Now that we do, I would encourage us to move forward with this plan. Mayor Sabo reminds all that council voted to move forward with dropping the receivership with the contingency that Josh would be working in that position. Council John Acton explains that all the council wants is for Josh to review and report and get down to figuring out the final numbers to sell. Josh states that he had attempted to initiate a meeting between the PDA board, Paul Henry, and the Mayor, but they had refused. Ken says that is not what he gathered from the PDA attorney. It seemed as though they were willing to have Josh in that position, but there may have been a misconception that Josh would be replacing Mr. Henry as the main financial guy. Paul Henry speaks that his concern is that he volunteered and spent dozens of hours gathering the financial reports. He states that he doesn't like to be questioned about his ability to do the financials and does not like that Josh would be presenting the statements instead of himself. He wonders why he is being questioned. Mayor Sabo says that he has not presented any of these items to council in the five months he has been working with the books. Council T. Randall explains that we know Josh, he has been around, and because of the previous dealings with the board and council not ever vetting Mr. Henry, council is hesitant to trust anyone without talking with them first. Ken W. speaks to the fact that Mr. Henry has responsibilities to his profession and is aware of that. Ken states that we should keep the emotionalism out of this and gather information as soon as possible to get the business sold. T. Randall explains that Josh has been here throughout all of the meetings and has been transparent and brought what we asked for the entire time. He also states that we need no more hiccups. B. Sabo asks if Paul Henry is licensed and he responds that he is no longer licensed. Mayor Sabo asks Paul, based on previous conversations, that he was understanding that Paul Henry and the board would quit if they had to work with Josh. Paul responds that that is not a correct statement, but says that if Josh is going to present the statements that Paul prepared that he (Paul) would quit tomorrow. He also says that he can't speak for Mary and Steve. He stated that he continued doing books with the understanding that Josh would not be involved. He continues that he finds it amazing that we would want someone involved who hasn't been into the books in the last five months. Mayor Sabo says he doesn't want to be held hostage and that it was well stated that Josh would be involved as the city's liaison. Paul Henry says that he will assist Mary in finding someone to replace him as CPA. He simply wants to present the financials that he himself prepared. Mayor Sabo says we welcome him to present his items, but that the city would use Josh to evaluate the reports. Ken W. agrees that was what everyone thought the deal was and we all want to work towards the agreed upon end. J. Acton states that Mr. Henry is not even a board member and questions why he's involved in the financials in the first place. Mr. Henry responds that Mary had called the LCB and that they are allowed to have a CPA who is not a board member. Mayor Sabo asks Paul if the books are up to date now. Paul responds that they are not, and that he and Mary have spent recent hours recording daily sales and that he wants to help Steve and Mary and the city. Council T. Randall responds that if he wants to help the city, he should drop his differences and work toward solutions and stop holding us hostage. Paul responds that he is not holding anyone

hostage and just wants to present the financials he's prepared. He said Brian called Mary and said that Josh was back on, then Paul Henry stepped out. The Mayor said, "that's not true." Paul responds that Mary stated she told Mayor Sabo that they would lose Mr. Henry if Josh came back and the Mayor responded that she never stated that to him. Josh says that was why he was trying to set up a meeting to discuss duties and details and that a meeting should still be held to discuss what we can do to work together. He also states that he has no interest in running the business. Josh says it's going to be important to figure out the current state of the business, not just financials. How stable is the business, what's the market value, how to get this sold as profitable as possible, are we on track with our goals? Ken W. says there are more I's to dot and t's to cross to figure out the next move. He suggests that he and Tom Foley should be involved when that meeting happens to ensure we're on the same page with communications. The city cannot afford staff time and financial impacts to milk the situation any longer than it has to. It is best for all to close this up and move along. T. Norris says to Paul that his work will be recognized. Paul responds that he has spent most of his life analyzing and doing finances and he doesn't believe anyone needs to review his work and wishes council will accept that because he sees no need to have other personalities involved. T. Randall states that if there's nothing to hide, what is the problem with Josh looking, analyzing, and reporting back to council. Deanna calls point of order. Mayor Sabo says that Paul may have been working with the PDA, but council never got to know Paul and the city hasn't been presented with anything. Deanna interjects that our city auditor expects that there is a second set of eyes on all of our financials and that it shouldn't be an issue to have his reports looked at. Brian then says that Josh will be the "auditor". Deanna adds that we have appreciation for what Paul is doing, but that it is frustrating that there's pushback for just working together on a common goal. Ken states that the city does not have a choice in this oversight and that it is their obligation to oversee according to RCW 35.21.750. There is a responsibility and that is all the city is asking for. He stated that Tom Foley agreed on that and thought they were on the same page. Paul states they should hold the meeting and that he has issues. Mayor Sabo asks that he resolve it now so that council can take action tonight. Paul asks what that encompasses on Josh's end. T. Randall says that we have to oversee and that Josh was chosen by council and that Mr. Henry seems to only have a problem working with Josh. Mr. Henry responds by asking what Josh's credentials are. Mayor Sabo calls point of order and explains that he's already been vetted by council and that he is a licensed fiduciary. Council Acton explains that he's already been approved by the LCB as the receiver and obviously has enough knowledge to handle the business. Mayor Sabo asks if Paul is okay to work with the Mayor and Josh on this or not. Paul responds, "probably not because I just don't see the qualifications." T. Randall and J. Acton state we should keep it in receivership then. Paul says that his decision doesn't mean that Mary and Steve will quit. Ken W. asks to tone it down a bit and that the stated meeting should definitely take place and making the decision tonight is not helpful and does not think it's in the best interest of the city to put it back to receivership. Mayor Sabo mentions that there is a lot of other work to do and we just need to move on. He agrees to have the meeting but is not certain that it will solve anything if Paul is not willing to work with Josh. Ken states that is why he believes the attorneys should stay involved. Mayor Sabo is concerned about the communication breakdowns. Josh agrees with Ken that the meeting is needed and putting our differences aside is key for the city to practice it's oversight. Mayor Sabo says to Ken that all we have come down to in the last few weeks is that Paul will quit if Josh is involved. He mentions that the tension it was causing with no board was huge and we are ready to be done with this issue. Brian again asks Paul if he's good with the meeting and he responds yes and that he wants to help the city.

- **Open Council Position Applications:** Mayor Sabo suggests waiting until the first meeting in

August to bring candidates in to interview in person when the order of no in-person public meetings has been dropped. If it's extended, we can discuss conducting interviews via zoom. He says that either Deanna or himself will reach out and let them know what the plan is.

**New Business:**

- **Garrison and Cascade Drive stop signs discussion.** Motion by J. Acton, second by T. Randall. Mayor Sabo explains that the stop sign was part of the original design for the crosswalk but has been there long enough to reevaluate. All councilmembers agree. The Mayor explains that we would keep the stop sign on Garrison but remove the stop sign on Cascade and instead place required crosswalk signage. Bryan Henrichsen from Public Works will work with our engineer to move forward on that plan and have a formal vote at the next meeting.
- **WSRB Protection Classification Report:** The Mayor explains that this is a report that comes out every three years to assess our ability to respond to fires within the community. We received a rating of 5 again, which keeps your insurance rates down.
- **Tennis Court Update:** Councilmember T. Norris has been working on this project and explains the progress. He states that the crack sealing is now complete, and he was able to connect with a guy who volunteers his time resurfacing tennis courts in the region. Terry was working tirelessly along with public works and some volunteers to spruce up the court but would like a professional to run things by. This man's name is Tom and he is going to bring a mixing truck and assist in resurfacing for free this Saturday! Terry does mention that we still will use some of the budget to purchase the surfacing material, but not as much as originally thought. Terry invites all to come check it out and help Saturday! The Mayor explains that this project was approved for the budget this year and asks if Terry is in need of voting on expenses. Terry asks for up to \$6000 but is sure it will be less. **Passed 4-0**
- **One-time water credit for 110 Aria Way:** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. Deanna explains that this request does not include proof of fixing the leak, but that Chief Pat Bell personally shut the water off to the system. It was an irrigation system that was never used and ended up with an underground leak. This system is now shut off for good and will not be used again. The credit would be for \$60. **Passed 4-0**

**Closing Public Comment:** Richard Hall of NB asks if there has been any progress with Gorgenet and if they are taking customers. Mayor Sabo responds that they are open and in service. Dana Hall asks if all the line is repaired and the Mayor explains that they will still be fixing lines to homes if there are issues but that the bulk is done.

**Closing Council Comments:** T. Randall thanks everyone for joining the meeting. Travis also states that the ordeal with the PDA seems like the same childish and petty issues the council had with them before and says that everyone needs to be willing to work together.

**Adjournment: 8:17pm**