



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor JB Tennison
Councilmember Emily Sabo
Councilmember Mary Helms

Councilmember #3 VACANT
Councilmember Jeff Blakeley
Councilmember Ted Salka

City Council Meeting Agenda

July 14, 2026

7:00 p.m.

A. Meeting Call to Order 7:00

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B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Consent Agenda

1. [Approval of the June 23rd minutes.](#)
2. [Approval of the July first half vouchers.](#)

Councilor Blakeley requested that the July first half vouchers be pulled from Consent.

On motion by Councilor Sabo, seconded by Councilor Helms, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, it was ordered that the minutes of the June 23rd meeting be approved.

Councilor Sabo noted that there was a clerical error on the minutes from the first meeting in June. The vote for the approval of payment for the North Bonneville Firemen's Retirement did not reflect her abstention. CAO Chambers stated that the minutes would be amended.

D.1 Discussion of July First Half Vouchers:

Councilor Blakeley noted on page 3 there was an item for the Skamania County Clerk for \$7215 that should not have been included in the vouchers. CAO Chambers confirmed and explained that the invoice should have been voided, but a step was left out, causing the system to think the invoice was outstanding.

On motion by Councilor Blakeley, seconded by Councilor Sabo, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, it was ordered that the July first half vouchers in the amount of \$44,552.48 be approved.

E. 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.

There were no responses to the call for public comment.

F. Interview of Candidates for Vacant Council Seat #3

[Interview Questions](#)

CAO Chambers announced that Bruce Greer would not be attending the meeting.

Norm Woods interview questions and answers:

Why do you want to serve on the City Council?

Mr. Woods responded that he was an 8-year resident of North Bonneville who owned and operated The Hungry Sasquatch for the 5 years it was operational. He declared that he liked his community and wanted to be more involved. He believed he could help with some of the issues North Bonneville was facing.

What experiences, talents or skills do you bring to the Council and community that you would like to highlight?

Mr. Woods stated that he worked well in small teams. He opined that he could bring ideas that had not been thought of yet. He noted that he had budgetary experience in all of his jobs and had served as a manager and group leader.

Are there regional issues or forums in which you have a particular interest or expertise?

Mr. Woods explained that his first job was at a chemical company in Clackamas that created water testing equipment. He stated that he did not have experience managing parks or public works, but had business-oriented experience.

Do you want to serve on the City Council because of a particular local issue on which you want to work, or are your interests more broadly distributed?

Mr. Woods declared that he wanted to work on improving infrastructure throughout the City. He noted that there had been 3 major water main breaks on his street, one occurring directly in front of his home. He observed that there were some standing-dead trees throughout town that needed to be removed. He thought there were other areas of the town that could be cleaned up to make the community look nicer.

G. Executive Session to Discuss Qualifications of a Candidate for Appointment to Elective Office

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, the Council recessed to an executive session from 7:10 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

H. Appointment of Councilmember #3

[Staff Report](#)

On motion by Councilor Helms, seconded by Councilor Sabo, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, Norman Woods was appointed to vacant Council seat #3 with a term ending December

31, 2027.

I. Oath of Office for Councilmember #3

[Oath of Office](#)

CAO Chambers swore Mr. Woods into office.

J. Councilmember Comments

Councilor Blakeley stated he was impressed with the turnout of the Fourth of July parade.

Councilor Sabo thanked Chief Hamilton, CAO Chambers, and Mayor Tennison for their work on the vandalized campaign signs. She noted that there was a good turn-out at Gorge Days and that the Fire Department made quite a bit of money. She thought people were impressed and happy with the event. She thanked staff for their hard work and thanked the public for attending the event.

Councilor Salka relayed that Dutch, the owner of Pak Rat wanted to extend his thanks to the staff involved with processing his Boundary Line Adjustment with Silver Star.

Councilor Helms echoed the comments from Councilor Blakeley and Councilor Sabo. She opined that the parade was great and Gorge Days was beautiful. She thanked all the volunteers who helped with both events.

Councilor Woods stated it was an honor and privilege to serve on the Council.

K. Amendment to 2021 Capital Facilities Plan

[Staff Report](#)

CAO Chambers stated that, while working on the Public Works Boad grant, a clerical error was discovered in the City's Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). She explained that the CFP reported that Lift Station #2 was replaced in 2016, however, it was Lift Station #3 that was replaced at that time. She declared that she spoke with the City Engineer, Devin Jackson, and Former Mayor Brian Sabo, who both confirmed that it was Lift Station #3 that was replaced in 2016. She stated that the City needed to amend the CFP prior to applying for the grant.

On motion by Councilor Sabo, seconded by Councilor Helms, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the clerical changes to the 2021 Capital Facilities Plan in accordance with the tracked changes presented by staff be approved.

L. Budget Priority Setting Session

[Staff Report](#)

[Presentation](#)

CAO Chambers presented current budget standings to the Council.

Councilor Blakeley asked where the money for the Equipment fund that was supposed to be in excess in 2025 went. CAO Chambers stated she was trying to figure out how former staff

determined that there was an excess in that fund because the City reported a negative beginning balance in the Equipment fund at the beginning of the year.

Mayor Tennison recalled the meeting where the roll-up door was approved by Council in 2025. CAO Chambers responded that the expenditure should have occurred in 2025.

Councilor Helms requested that the budget include enough money for the Fire Department.

M. Closing Public Comments

Mr. Terry Norris spoke about the effect of moss on concrete and opined that volunteers should work to remove moss from the bridges in town. He discussed the community's mole problem and noted that the moles could not be poisoned, but something needed to be done about them.

Kalista Hamilton stated it was not just the moles creating an issue in the community, it was also the squirrels that dug tunnels.

Councilor Blakeley noted that moss damaged concrete and asphalt when it froze. He stated that iron filings killed moss.

Councilor Helms requested that people not throw iron filings on any moss near a water source.

N. Adjournment

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