



## NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Brian Sabo  
Councilmember Terry Norris  
Councilmember Margie Lee

Councilmember Travis Randall  
Councilmember Richard Hall  
Councilmember John Acton

### City Council Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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#### Meeting Call to Order: 7pm

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda Changes & Additions:** Ken Woodrich adds a needed vote on Ordinance #1140. Mayor Sabo adds vote on a purchase agreement for land near the reservoirs.

**Public Hearings:** N/A

#### Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of the July 13th meeting minutes. Approval of the July 2nd half Vouchers for \$21,234.75:** Motion by T. Norris, second by M. Lee. **Passed 4-0**

#### Guest Presentations: N/A

#### Public Comment:

Maria Woodall of NB asks why there were no meetings regarding the sport court and restroom projects. She also suggests, to avoid competition, to have the pickleball court take up half the less-used tennis court. Mayor Sabo responds that the project and grant information had been discussed at several council meetings, and because of the nature of the grant, it has been made into a stand-alone project, rather than part of the original Adventure Park idea. Shelli Acton of NB thanks the Council for the decision and follow through with selling the marijuana shop and disbanding the PDA.

**Councilmember Comments:** Councilor J. Acton mentions a cat being killed in the neighborhood by a dog who is repeatedly off leash and roaming. He states that something needs to happen with the repeat offenders. Mayor Sabo responds that the police had been called in this matter and one of the dogs will be rehomed.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Sabo reports that the City of NB's Public Works Department won another award for Outstanding Performance in 2020. He also brings up that there have been recent changes in the scope of law enforcement in WA state and they will not respond to as many issues, unless a crime has already been committed or a life-threatening situation is actively taking place.

**Chief Administrative Officer Report:** Deanna Syron reports that the city has now received it's first payment of "Coronavirus Relief Funds" for NEU (non-entitlement units) in the amount of \$144,678, which was deposited into the city's Money Market account. Council will discuss possibilities of saving or allowed expenditures following Treasury guidelines. The city will receive a lump sum for the same amount next year as well.

**City Attorney's Report:** Ken reports that the process has been started to dissolve the PDA, as it is a cost to keep it running. A final audit is to be performed after the dismantling of the PDA, which the city will have to cover with the proceeds from the sale of the shop. After the final costs are covered, the city is estimated to receive around \$200,000 from the sale.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **COVID-19 Update Councilor Acton:** Councilor Acton shares that there are now 10 active cases in Skamania County, 2 deaths, and 399 total confirmed cases.
- **Purchase Agreement:** Motion by J. Acton, second by R. Hall. Mr. Sabo explains that the Council had previously discussed this purchase in Executive Session, and is now ready to finalize. He goes on to share that the parcel is approximately 3 acres and the city is purchasing it for \$6,500 plus fees. This will allow the city to gate off the road leading to the reservoir and transite line for better protection of assets. This also allows less trouble with easements when applying for grants to replace the transite line. **Passed 4-0**

**New Business:**

- **Excuse Councilor Travis Randall:** Motion by T. Norris, second by R. Hall. **Passed 4-0**
- **City Water/Sewer deposit for new customers policy discussion:** Subject not for vote. Mayor Sabo brings up that the city has a \$150 utility deposit for new customers that is returned upon move-out. Because there are many long-term citizens, he would like council to think about a good timeline to return deposits to customers with a good record.
- **License Agreement Trails Foundation:** Motion by J. Acton, second by T. Norris. Mr. Sabo mentions that this needs to be pushed forward to a different date to allow completion of the wording on the agreement. Council passes with all ayes.

**Closing Public Comment:**

Maria Woodall of NB states again her surprise that there were no meetings on the sport court grant, but thanks the City of NB for supporting sports.

Josh Good of NB thanks council and the PDA board for all the hard work to clean up and finalize the PDA matters.

Dana Hall of NB shares her concern about dogs off leash and mentions that it has become a real issue and needs enforcement. She also mentions that with the policing changes, citizens may have to self-police.

Greg Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief for NB, reminds all that the Car Show is Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, and to come have some fun and help raise money for the Fireman's Association. Greg also shares that he is on the Disabilities Board for the County to decide on funding and needs within the community. He suggests the city thinking about hiring (even as volunteers) some local adults with disabilities to give them a sense of purpose and keep them from being stuck at home with no options.

Shelli Acton of NB thanks the Fire Department for their hard work.

**Closing Council Comments:** T. Norris asks Greg about the fire near Franz Road last week. Greg responds that it was able to be contained, and can only share that it was deemed "suspicious".

**Adjournment: 7:53pm**