



## NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

**Mayor Brian Sabo**  
**Councilmember Terry Norris**  
**Councilmember Margie Lee**

**Councilmember Travis Randall**  
**Councilmember Joshua Good**  
**Councilmember Taurus Baxter**

### City Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2025

7:00 p.m.

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**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:01 am

**Roll Call:** All present save M. Lee. It was noted Baxter had dropped his connection at 7:22pm and he was not present after that time.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Changes & Additions:**

**Dan Bubb with Blue Mountain Network is added to the guest speakers list**

**Excuse M. Lee**

Motion: Randall Seconded by: Norris Good: Abstain Randall: Yes Norris: Yes

**Approval of Ordinance 1171**

Good gives background on ordinance and explains purpose of ordinance being to compensate the mayor extra for his last few months as it is going to be a lot of extra work to lay the ground work for a smooth transition to a new administration. Terry and Travis both ask questions and give background about the amount of time the mayor works and how he is available to answer calls and offer assistance at all hours. Travis talks about the fire department budget and notes that he is impressed with how they do so much with such a small budget.

~~Motion: Seconded by: Baxter: Good: Norris: Randall:~~ It was requested by Randall that this be tabled until a later date. Norris seconded this. After closing public comment Randall asked to reconsider and it was decided to keep it tabled as they would not have enough councilors to potentially pass it with Good abstaining. Norris notes that the mayor had been told earlier in his administration that he did not qualify for PERS and it was later discovered that he had been eligible and says he thinks it's fair he get compensated for this. Good clarifies that a mayor cannot be compensated retroactively and that this is not even a possibility. The city attorney also clarifies that a mayor's salary can only be raised and not reduced during a term. Good suggests a special meeting and sets a tentative date of Thursday September 25 at 7pm. Good expresses frustration about councilor attendance and suggests the city explore changing the attendance policy for councilors so it does not interfere with city business.

**Public Hearings:** None

**Consent Agenda: Approval of the September 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting minutes and September 2<sup>nd</sup> half vouchers.**

Motion: Randall, Seconded by: Norris, Randall: Yes Norris: Yes Good: Yes Baxter: Yes

**Guest Presentations: Melissa & Doug Jeff with Farm Happens**

**Melissa and Jeff** give background on their farming practice, mission to share produce with the folks of North Bonneville, and give praise about the community and their success sharing produce at the Trailhead Taproom this last season. They share their hopes to make it a more regular thing in the future and to use a small part of city park space for a pop up produce stand 1-2 times per week.

**Dan Bubb** shares that he has come in to address complaints about quality of service. He said they are finding problems with the quality of connections at people's homes. He said this causes "noise" in the system and that this causes disruption and confused signals to the whole "leg" those homes are on in the system. He also said and accident and blown fuses have caused issues. He said the system is over 50

years old and is getting moist and corroded, causing issues. He said Blue Mountain is starting to evaluate and test connections at the homes in town one by one. He said they will also be disconnecting homes that are not part of the system so they cannot be causing further disruption. He said this will help but won't be a long term solution or solve the overall problem. He gave an update on the federal internet funding and said North Bonneville will not be a part of the current round of funding. He said that in his experience "public private partnerships" have been the best way to tackle problems like this in small cities. He said the city ultimately needs fiber optic put in and that the labor for the is incredibly expensive while the materials are more affordable. He encouraged the city, its citizens, and Blue Mountain to work together to find solutions. He explained that Blue Mountain owns the network and said he is not blaming the city or its people for the problems and said Blue Mountain is ultimately responsible for a solution. Terry N. expresses empathy and support to Blue Mountain. Other councilors pipe in to share their recent internet experiences.

**Public Comment:** Jeff Blakely: says he is one of the people who filed a FCC complaint and expressed disappointment that it took that and said he wishes Dan had stayed to hear people out and let them ask questions and seek clarification. Jeff also asks about the mayor salary ordinance and says that he hopes Good doesn't choose to vote on it because his own salary is involved. Good lets him know that he would abstain and that there is still an election to win for him to be mayor.

Cindy Dunn: Presents her 2026 community garden budget to the council.

**Councilmember Comments:** Randall: Thanks everyone for coming. Norris: says it is good to see everyone and encourages community resilience and affirms concerns about the internet. Good: thanks everyone for coming and participating.

**Sheriff's Report:** Gives update on workshop with county commissioners to discuss forming a sheriff's office auxiliary to organize volunteers. Gives update on One Prevention Alliance event in NB over the weekend and said it was a success even though traffic on highway 14 had a big impact. Explained that they had two calls reporting suspicious activity that didn't end of being concerns but said she is very grateful people are making calls when something doesn't seem right. Encouraged folks to share any feedback or concerns with her.

**Mayor's Report:** Not present tonight.

**City Clerk Report:** Gives update about census population count and office of financial management population counts not matching and potential implications of this on city finances. Gives update on the audit and how the city and auditor are currently reviewing the city's processes. Gives update that things are moving forward with the mitigation grant for a firehouse backup generator. Apologizes for the poor audio for folks listening in online. City tech support had thought this was fixed and it was tested throughout the week but still isn't working in the council environment.

**City Attorney's Report:** Says there is not much to report. Said she suggests saving an executive session to discuss ongoing litigation for when more councilors are present. Gives some feedback on her observations with the computer microphone problem.

**Planner's Report:** Says there is not a lot to report. He said he is currently awaiting comments from the community and others regarding potential development on Coyote Ridge for utility construction.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **Approval of Farm Happens seasonal use of city property for produce sales.**

~~Motion: Seconded by: Norris: Good: Baxter: Randall:~~ The attorney said a vote is not needed on this. The councilors noted approval and support of the idea and for the city to pursue the next steps in the administrative process.

**Closing Public Comment:** Jeff Blakely: said he apologizes if frustration with the Blue Mountain discussion bled over into his comment about Ordinance 1171.

Carol Korst: Asks to comment from her perspective from working as a new city employee with admin

experience. She said that shortly after starting at the city she discovered the mayor had been eligible for PERS since his first term as mayor and was told that he did not qualify. She said this was incorrect and that she feels there should be a way to recompensate him and that she feels it is the right thing to do.

**Closing Council Comments:** Norris says that he loves farms and gives thanks to farmers and also give praise to the sheriff. Randall: Thanks everyone for coming. Says "life's a garden, dig it." Good: says thanks for everyone for coming. Said he apologizes if he seems stressed out and says it's been a busy and stressful time of life for him.

**Adjournment:** 8:11pm

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