



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

October 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

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Meeting Call to Order: 7pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: Mayor Sabo adds discussion of Reservoir road and citizen tree complaint to new business.

Public Hearings: N/A

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of the October 13th meeting minutes. Approval of the October 2nd -half Vouchers for \$16,763.08:** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. **Passed 5-0**

Guest Presentations:

- **Kevin Waters Skamania County EDC:** Kevin from the EDC discusses what the EDC has been doing and options for help to businesses. Also discussed ongoing searches for grants for the city to repair its' lift station. Currently the EDC is working with local banks to obtain more funds to help locals keep businesses afloat or to assist with recovery. Gives credit to the city for keeping the lift stations running for such a long time.

Public Comment: Jamie Tulley, local business owner explains that there are two new vacation or short-term rentals available at 28 CBD Mall. Listings are on VRBO, facebook, craigslist, and AirBnB.

Councilmember Comments: N/A

Mayor's Comments: N/A

Chief Administrative Officer Report: Deanna reports that the City's IT updates are now complete with a new server, firewall, VPN capabilities, and Windows updates. She also reports that we are rolling out a work order program with Dude Solutions that should be online within the next couple of weeks, allowing for better organization and management of repairs, requests, labor costs, etc. Now looking into upgrading the water billing program as well as obtaining handheld units for reading meters and uploading directly to the program to eliminate hand-keying reads and saving the city time and money.

City Attorney's Report: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- **COVID-19 Update Councilor Acton:** Councilor Acton explains that there have been an uptick in COVID cases over the last two weeks. We are now at 73 total cases. 68 recovered, 4 current, 1 death, 5 hospitalizations, and 747 tests performed.

New Business:

- **Approval of the CBA:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. Tom explains that the changes in wording are in green. The Mayor explains that Councilor Acton was a part of the negotiations and that the city has saved money the last couple years by not hiring help for this process and

just working with the Union for acceptable terms. **Passed 5-0**

- **Approval of Ordinance # 1128 Amending Chapter 17.04 Building Codes:** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. Tom explains that this wording is needed to match our interlocal agreement with Skamania county, who has taken over our building and permitting process. **Passed 5-0**
- **Approval of Liquor license Beacon Rock Golf Course:** Motion by T. Norris, second by R. Hall. **Passed 5-0.**
- **Approval RMS Quote to repair damaged pump Station #1:** Motion by T. Randall, not to exceed \$8,000. Second by T. Norris. Mayor Sabo explains that the insurance company decided to pay for the claim, but there is a \$10k deductible to meet first. Josh Good asks if it can wait until January due to the amount of the claim being less than the deductible for the year that is almost over. Mayor Sabo explains that the pumps are running hard and he's not sure that they will make it through the winter if we don't repair now. He also explains that we do have money in reserves to fix things just like this. T. Norris asks if people were notified that sanitary wipes and other items should not be flushed. Deanna responds that we posted notices on the bulletin board as well as on the website and community facebook page. **Passed 5-0**
- **Discussion of repair to reservoir road:** Mr. Sabo explains that there is an unpaved road leading up to our water reservoir tanks and transit line. This road is washing away and exposing parts of the transit line. If this line gets damaged, it would cost over \$1 million to replace. We were quoted about \$12k by Ted Salka to build up and recover the road. Mr. Sabo is hoping that we can utilize the water reserve fund and consider this a capital improvement to a necessary fix. Ken explains that may be an audit risk since it is for the road, not the tank. He says if it is gated at a certain spot and ONLY used to access the tanks, it may work out. He also explained that if the engineer certifies that road repair is necessary for the maintenance of the line and tank, that it may be doable.
- **Resident issue with trees on Columbia:** Mayor Sabo explains that there is a tree grove on city property that a resident is concerned with. He has paid for an arborist to come examine them and it was determined that one tree was dead, but the rest are solid. The citizen is concerned that the taller trees may hit his home if they were to fall. Mayor Sabo states that it is the city policy not to cut down living and solid trees. T. Norris asks if the trees could just be "topped" and Sabo responds that could be an option. The consensus from the council was to not remove any of the trees in the grove other than the dead one.

Closing Public Comment: N/A

Closing Council Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming. R. Hall asks if the soccer field has an option to increase parking. Tom explains that the area near the garden is an open space, but useable and possibly able to be filled with gravel for overflow.

Adjournment: 8:07pm