



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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Councilmember Terry Norris
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North Bonneville Workshop Agenda December 11, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Council Workshop

Workshop Meeting Call to Order: 6:28pm

Roll Call: Present; Mayor B. Sabo, councilmembers J. Acton, T. Randall, T. Norris. Absent; J. Whitcomb, M. Lee

Unfinished Business: We are saving about 15k in attorney fees by working with the Union to come to an agreement on a new union contract. Discussions are in the works already and we should have clear answers and the ability to approve the contract by the first week in January.

New Business: D. Adams- the interfund transfer procedure and the equipment fund transfer is a process I do each month with funds following payroll. This is an overhead cost redistribution to replenish the general fund or other funds not subsidized on their own.

B. Sabo- We will discuss this later, but we had an accounting firm for years who usually do our end of year items and taxes. They have quit, so we will be looking for a different business to help. We are able to get our W-4's through our Vision program, we can do 1099's on our own, but will still need to hire an accountant for taxes and some other end of year reporting.

Our audit results made the front page of the Pioneer. Made public works look bad and that they had been overpaid by \$2.25 per hour for an on-call premium. The actuality was that the on-call premium was an all the time rate if you are ever on call, due to the need to stay in town and available. It was stated that they had been accidentally paid this rate since 2010. My question is, if this was not supposed to be, how was this missed in the audits that have happened every year? T. Randall- they are underpaid for what they do as it is. I see no reason to try to make anything of this. B. Sabo- it was correct that they were always getting the premium, it was just worded oddly in the contract. We are revising the contract to display more clearly how the premium works. We will ensure that we make things right for them, as they should not have been painted in a bad light. Please feel free to come in any time to check out our processes, handbooks, contracts, etc.

Adjournment: 6:49pm



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City Council Meeting Agenda

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7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order: 6:59pm

Roll Call: Present; Mayor B. Sabo, councilmembers T. Randall, T. Norris, J. Acton. Absent; M. Lee, J. Whitcomb.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: Excuse J. Whitcomb, stop sign discussion, new accountants.

Public Hearings:

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of November 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Approval December First half Vouchers.**

Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 3-0

Guest Presentations:

- **Karen Douglass, Stevenson Swimming Pool:** The school district owns and the county funds were withdrawn in 2012. The pool was closed for 6 years, but we were still paying 35-40k yearly for a pool that was closed. A group got together and reopened the pool, but we are still losing money. The only way it will stay open is with participation and donations. We employ 8 high school students. The pool is well used, but not enough to make it. There is a pool board now who will provide oversight. I would like to ask North Bonneville to partner with us along with the surrounding areas to help continue encouraging swimming in the community as one of the few active options available indoors. Stevenson has paid 20 to 50k each year during end of year giving. The schoolboard has determined some landmarks moving forward. B. Sabo- we don't have near the income that Stevenson has. What would help? Karen- a year ago, North Bonneville donated nothing, so even \$500 would be great. Participation alone will never be enough to support the pool. There is outreach for support and funding from other areas. March will be the first point in budget for review, but we are asking for extra to pull through until we receive funding. B. Sabo- we do have some community funds that are for these purposes. I would consider \$3000. T. Randall- that is where I learned to swim, my daughter takes lessons there, I'll start taking them more often. D. Adams- do you do fundraisers? Karen- yes, such as AnJ doing the pumpkin dunk and donating pumpkins. There's also private lessons for purchase. T. Norris- what about that skate park fund? It's been sitting there a while. B. Sabo- what does council think, grant 3k to the pool? Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. Passed 3-0.
- **Alex Hays:** Leading the Stevenson Pool Association. We are needing long-term pool funding. The association consists of community members who want to see it remain open, and 5 commissioners decide how the money is distributed. The levy would be 10 cents per 1000 people- because school levies have reduced by 30 cents, the average tax payers pay \$285 now and the additional levy would work out to about \$25 per year per household, which is still a

savings due to the decrease. In 2014, the park district didn't include NB, but we would like to include you now for support. B. Sabo- who pays to put this on the ballot? Alex- the cost depends on the number of items on the ballot. Tom J- what's the difference between 2010 and 2014? Alex- The council wasn't in support, so we took NB out of the 2014 ballot. Being a part of the parks district would make it so that we as volunteers wouldn't have to take time to collect signatures to put it on the ballot. B. sabo- we appreciate you. It was a 60% no in 2010. I'm concerned that if we push this it may create a disgruntled bunch. Alex- if you say no, I hope you'll consider volunteering! J. Acton- the bottom line is that the decision would go to the voters as it should. Amy Lyddon from audience- Would this funding be for the pool only? Alex- 5 commissioners can decide where to apply funds for the community. The whole idea in the future is that the money will go to community improvements within the created park district. B. Sabo- we don't get help from them, why would we get beautification benefit? Who gets the commissioner seats? Alex- they are voted in. T. Randall- there are too many school levies. Alex- we are citizens and this would be a parks levy, not a school levy. Tom J. – how does spending get decided. Alex- the commissioner's board would vote. Small communities with succeeding pools are all with parks and rec districts. We just want to try to keep it afloat until we get funding. It will eventually be self- sustaining. T. Randall- It seems as though we will spend more eventually and the possibility of money spent elsewhere is not good. Ken W- the voter ballot can be specific to only let funds go to a certain project. Tom- can we write it that way? Karen- I think so? Ken W- suggestion is to add something like *limited to maintenance and operations for the Stevenson Pool* to the levy. T. Randall- If it's clarified, I'm on board. Tom J- it needs to have a laser focus on the pool. Deanna- it could eventually change to include other things, once the pool is self- sustaining. Joshua Day- from audience- we can include the commissioner structure to include a citizen from each city with the additional member at large. Ken W- it needs to be stated on the ballot specifically where the commissioners need to be voted from. B. Sabo- good point Josh. Tom J- if we redefined the scope and understanding, it would have a better chance to pass. Alex- this would help so much to just put it on the ballot without the hours of door knocking that would be needed if not a park district. Will be considered with the wording and stipulation changes.

- **Chief Bell, 2018 Fire Department report.** Chief Bell- Our year end summary bullet points: Department maintained an average of 18 volunteers, training on 1 and 2 standards. Our main training focus was on wildland firefighting. We have been working on outside funding and brought in around 18k this year- our plans are to double that on 2019. We are beefing up our wildland training, as it is the biggest threat we face. We've gained respect and regained relationships within the county and have been asked to assist DNR. NBF&R has had the best time response in the county. We've developed our mission statement and core values and have maintained and repaired equipment. Gearing up for a good year.

Public Comment: Josh Day of NB- I've been coming to meetings since July. I'm impressed that you are such good stewards of the city.

Brooke Lyddon- Thank you for supporting the pool! I work there, learned how to swim there, was on swim team, etc. I'm glad to be back, it's very important for kids to be confident in the water.

Emily Sabo of NB- I agree with Brooke- I learned to swim there. I like Alex's point for being allowed on the ballot, but the voters will still get to decide. Thank you also for the idea of rewording it to be more specific to the pool.

Julie Sabo- thank you for the lights in City Hall, we haven't had them in years. Also thank you for the plaques for the veterans. The gathering was well attended and touching. There was fellowship, stories, and brotherhood. It was very good and I hope it's yearly.

Councilmember Comments: J. Acton- thank you to the city for the Vets honor. I had to work but it was

appreciated. It's nice when someone thanks a vet.

T. Randall- thank you everyone for coming. I'm glad for the feedback about the pool- I'm in 100% support.

T. Norris- I think we're looking at some pool reps already. If you fish, they stocked the pond at icehouse.

Mayor's Comments: Thank you to Les Schwab in Hood River. They donated 3k in tires! Brought us a new rim and never charged. Ken W- should send a thank you letter. B. Sabo- Our Tree lighting and pics with Santa this Friday!

City Clerk Report: NA

City Attorney's Report: NA

Unfinished Business:

- **Approving one- time water/sewer bill adjustment due to leak, Albert Mickadeit:** B. Sabo- the code only allows for one cycle refund, so we chose the larger of the two. After running the calculations, he is owed a \$574.45 credit for consumption. Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton Passed 3-0

New Business:

- **Excuse J. Whitcomb:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 3-0
- **Stop signs:** The signed are not covered anymore, which means you must stop! Even though they were not intended to be uncovered yet. The question is to cover them, leave them uncovered, or remove them completely. T. Randall motion to dismantle the stop signs until further notice, second by T. Norris Passed 3-0
- **New accountant:** T. Randall- motion to find a new accountant and enter contract not to exceed \$5000, second by T. Norris Passed 3-0
- **Confirmation of Pat Bell as Fire Chief for an additional two-year term:** B. Sabo- every two years the Chief needs to be voted and confirmed. Has been voted at the FD, just need to confirm him here. Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 3-0
- **Ordinance 1110 amending Ordinance 1084 2018 Budget:** B. Sabo- had to amend a couple of amounts because of unforeseen additional expenses. Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton Passed 3-0
- **Resolution 519 Declaring Special Market Condition:** B. Sabo- for purchase of improved fire truck immediately. Unique deal because we have a 12k grant to use by March 15th for a specific truck, Type 6. There is a process for this funding and need to have documents in by February. This can be ratified at the next meeting, depending on the final amount of the truck purchase. This is a double deal because public works needs a new truck- we've allocated 10k for that purchase next year. This deal will allow for them to get the truck from the FD. Win-win. T. Randall- the current truck is worth around 25k, so it's a very good deal- only 15k miles and maintenance has been done. T. Norris- I thought this was seating more people? Chief- with the market now, if we wanted a crew cab, we would have to spend more like 50k. We want a 4-door truck, but even going from 2 guys to 4 guys fitting, it still is a better situation for our fire protection for now. This truck will also improve our insurance rating. This truck we are considering has a cannon you operate from the inside, also increasing safety for our firefighters. We also need to use this grant money in order to be eligible for future grants. Not to exceed 45k purchase including taxes and licensing. Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton Passed 3-0
- **2019 EDC Contract:** B. Sabo- annual renewal. The EDC is a hub for supporting and finding funds for community projects and we have not been members for a while. Our lift station is currently #3 on the list for replacement, which we wouldn't be able to afford to replace or go without. Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 3-0
- **Approval to forgo last council meeting in December due to Holiday:** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 3-0

Closing Public Comment: Pat Bell of NB- I've been attending council meetings for a long time. There were always arguments about stupid stuff. You guys communicate well and improve our community.

Closing Council Comments: T. Randall- thanks for coming

Adjournment: 8:55pm