



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Brian Sabo
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North Bonneville Workshop Minutes November 26, 2019 6:30 p.m.

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Council Workshop

Workshop Meeting Call to Order: 6:32pm

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

Unfinished Business:

- **2020 Budget Discussion.**

Mayor Sabo discusses the budget to actual through November. Positives in many areas. The Sheriff and Undersheriff discussed the need for contract renewal. There hasn't been an increase since at least 2011 for our interlocal agreement. Skamania County is already lower pay than surrounding counties and they can't afford to lose people. Our department is 25% comprised of officers with less than 2 years' experience. Sheriff thanks Mayor Sabo and council for the letter of support regarding the 1639 letter. T. Randall thanks them for an amazing department. Mayor Sabo thanks the department for having respectful employees who are able to communicate effectively. He also mentions less essential services we've let go of to enable more funds to essential services like this.

New Business:

Adjournment: 7:02pm



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City Council Meeting Minutes November 26, 2019 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting Call to Order: 7:10pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions: Excuse J. Whitcomb, Josh Good present PDA findings

Public Hearings:

- **Adopting 2020 North Bonneville City Budget:** Mayor Sabo opened the public hearing at 7:12pm, having no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:13pm.
- **Consideration of 2020 Ad Valorem Tax:** Mayor Sabo opened the public hearing at 7:13, having no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:14pm.

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of November 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Approval November 2nd half Vouchers.**
Motion by M. Lee, second by T. Randall. **Passed 4-0**

Guest Presentations: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Councilmember Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming. Is surprised that nobody showed up for our city budget hearing, but we'll have a full house regarding the pot shop and adventure park. Josh Good of NB say the budget is a mundane topic, but the others draw people in. M. Lee suggests 2-sided budget packets in greyscale to cut costs. Assistant Fire Chief, Greg Johnson, states that the people trust their council and Mayor. Mayor Sabo suggests that all should be involved, as it is our collective budget. Ruth Johnson says that people are gaining confidence and seeing the improvements to the city. T. Randall says that he appreciates the transparency.

Mayor's Comments: N/A

City Clerk Report: Deanna presents an overview of the SAO visit and is proud to report that the city will not be audited next year, but the year after. Due to the previous condition of the city, the auditors have been here yearly for several years.

City Attorney's Report: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

- **Ordinance 1119 Adopting North Bonneville 2020 Budget.**
Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. **Passed 4-0**
- **Ordinance 1120 Ad Valorem Tax 2020.**
Motion by T. Randall, second by M. Lee. **Passed 4-0**

- **Resolution 536 Ad Valorem Tax 2020.**

Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. **Passed 4-0**

- **Approval Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services:**

Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. **Passed 3-1**

- **Approval of contract for SMP required mapping, The Watershed Company:**

Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. **Passed 4-0**

- **Excuse J. Whitcomb:**

Motion by T. Randall, second by M. Lee. **Passed 4-0**

- **Josh Good PDA Update:** On the 13th of Nov. I attended a meeting of the PDA. After the meeting, I spoke with the President who brought up some concerning issues. There is outstanding debt that is callable by the loan holder. They are expecting to be sued for not being able to meet the obligation. This could and should have been fixable. They have adjourned for the year and the next meeting is after the debt issue. They should have an action plan and it doesn't seem that will happen. They are looking at another creditor whose one condition is to purchase the business. The conflict of interest in the board is a dangerous game. The other creditor who has extended credit is Fern Armstrong. It would be prudent for the board to present to the city the steps to take prior to this happening. It doesn't seem that they are working for the public trust. Attorney suggests an immediate change of board members and will likely need a judge involved. Josh states that the note needs renegotiated. Mayor Sabo suggests that if they are to get sued, let the current board stay. Attorney says that it will be the PDA board's legal issue whether this group or another. The city may want a receiver, but it's expensive. The statute allows to request a receiver that would be paid by the PDA, but it could be debilitating. Step one should be to get disinterested board members with regard to the public trust. Councilor Norris is against the board coming in to speak at council because their attitude has been poor and lacking answers every time. Mayor Sabo responds that council can question them and send them on their way. Norris suggests we have some new board members ready. Josh states that he still thinks the business is salvageable. Everyone needs to take the steps that are best for the city. There should be a fair sale of the business and we need to prepare in a responsible way and keep the court costs down. Mayor Sabo says that this board needs to be questioned and he will begin looking for new board members. This needs to be the finale. Council all agrees to bring in the board for questioning on the matter. B. Sabo says we need to protect the city interest. Councilor Randall suggests that if this meeting doesn't work, take them to court. Attorney says to change the board first, then if there is litigation when sued by the creditor, then request the receiver.

Closing Public Comment: Josh Good of NB says the sheriff pay increase is painful, but with no raise since 2011 with the CPI, they actually are getting a 3% loss each year if they don't get a raise. Happy to see council take care of them.

Closing Council Comments: T. Randall thanks all for coming.

Adjournment: 8:18pm