

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 15, 2020

Virtual Meeting

City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Elwood, Garcia, Gothelf, Koellen, Loudenback, Miller and Rosen.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to pull AB20-124 – Motion Authorizing Change Order No. 5 with Skyward for the City Hall Project and AB20-125 – Resolution Accepting City Hall Project as Complete from tonight’s agenda and moving AB20-126 – Resolution Amending Personnel Manual RE Vehicle Take Home Policy to the Consent Agenda and adding a presentation by Eastside Fire & Rescue Chief Jeff Clark related to wildfires to the tonight’s agenda prior to Citizen Comments. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Special Council Meeting of August 25, 2020 & Council Meeting of September 1, 2020

Payroll – **September 4, 2020** – 28186 through 28194, in the amount of \$266,920.87

Checks – **September 15, 2020** – 69659 through 69704, in the amount of \$407,052.79

AB20-121 – Resolution 1951 Accepting 2020 Pavement Repair & Overlay Project

AB20-122 – Motion Authorizing Prosecution Services Contract

AB20-123 – Motion Authorizing Contract for CED Counter Glass Installation

AB20-126 – Resolution 1952 Amending Personnel Manual RE Vehicle Take Home

Councilmember Garcia **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation – Wildfires & Wildland Preparation

Audio: 5:28

Eastside Fire & Rescue Chief Clark discussed the current wildfires raging on the West Coast of the United States and provided tips from the National Firewise program that are designed to help citizens prepare their home and property for any potential fire threats.

Mayor McFarland announced that Sallal Water Association would be complying with Ordinance 1729. He noted earlier today they had supplied data that will enable those residents that had City sewer service in the Sallal water service area to be properly billed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Jean Buckner, 46226 SE 139th Place, commented on the City's need for data from Sallal Water Association related to sewer billing and expressed concern about the City having access to personal information for Sallal customers and using summer usage data verses winter usage data for billing purposes.

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, shared his knowledge gleaned from experts at King County on the different types of Wildland Urban Interfaces (WUI) and expressed concern about the effect the City's water conservation ordinance may have on properly maintaining natural areas around homes to discourage fires during dry summer months.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf

A report of the September 10th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair

A report of the September 1st meeting was provided.

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Loudenback, Chair

A report of the September 15th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Garcia, Chair

A report of the September 8th meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Elwood

No report.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Rosen, Chair

A report of the August 25th meeting was provided.

Planning Commission

A report of the September 10th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission

A report of the August 26th meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission

A report of the August 25th meeting was provided.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Gothelf expressed his dismay at the negativity and personal attacks on social media and encouraged all to seek out information from experts if they had questions or concerns related to items of safety or City legislation.

Councilmember Loudenback expressed his appreciation to Chief Clark for providing an update on wildfires and wildland preparation and encouraged all to evaluate their property in order to maintain a fire safe environment. Additionally, he wished a happy Rosh Hashanah to all residents who celebrate the holiday.

Councilmember Rosen mentioned the recent anniversary of September 11, 2001 and thanked all first responders for all they do to protect the communities they serve.

Councilmember Koellen commented she was a Sallal Water Association member and was going to encourage the Association to adopt a water conservation measure. Additionally, she noted her thoughts were with all the people affected by the wildfires on the West Coast and thanked fire fighters for their efforts.

Councilmember Miller thanked Chief Clark for his presentation and echoed Councilmember Koellen’s comments regarding wildfires on the West Coast.

City Administrator Miller congratulated Jesse Reynolds on his recent promotion to Economic Development Manager and thanked Communications Manager/PIO Danna McCall on her recent contributions.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- Yard Waste Recycling – Saturday, September 19th from 8 a.m. to Noon @ Public Works
- Tanner Trail Construction Project Underway
- Water Conservation Information on City Website

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Miller **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk