

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 1, 2022

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: Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Loudenback, Miller and Rosen. Councilmember Elwood was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Council Workstudy of September 27, 2022, City Council Meeting of October 4, 2022 & Special Council Workstudy of November 11, 2022

Payroll – October 5, 2022 – 28548 through 28553, in the amount of **\$305,708.46**

October 20, 2022 – 28554 through 28559, in the amount of **\$251,804.48**

Checks – October 18, 2022 – 73055 through 73114, in the amount of **\$1,435,733.58**

November 1, 2022 – 73115 through 73185, in the amount of **\$2,002,416.78**

AB22-123 – Resolution 2039 Accepting Train Depot Rehabilitation Project

AB22-124 – Resolution 2040 Accepting NE 6th Street AC Watermain Replacement Project

AB22-125 – Resolution 2041 Accepting Ribary Creek Maintenance Project

AB22-126 – Resolution 2042 Accepting SW 10th Street Culvert Maintenance Project

AB22-127 – Resolution 2043 Accepting NB Way Guardrail Replacement Project

AB22-128 – Motion Authorizing Contract with NB Downtown Foundation

AB22-129 – Resolution 2044 Accepting KC Grant for SF Levee Setback Project

AB22-130 – Resolution 2045 Accepting Federal RTCC Grant for SF Extension Project

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Debra Landers, 14615 438th Ave. SE, Representative of North Bend Art & Industry, provided an update on the organization's activities which included local murals, apprenticeship program at Two Rivers School, classes at local businesses, asphalt art and art at local elementary schools.

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, commented on technical difficulties at the October 4, 2022 City Council meeting during citizen comments and comments made regarding Sallal at that same meeting, Snoqualmie Valley Record's retraction related to tribal endorsement of a local water plan, and September 20, 2022 City Council meeting AB22-112 Ordinance Reallocation of Future Water Connections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation – Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services

Audio: 9:46

Mayor McFarland presented Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services Executive Director Jennifer Kirk and Board President Don Scaramasta with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their ten years of outstanding service and support to unhoused and vulnerable community members in the Snoqualmie Valley. Ms. Kirk provided a presentation on the organization and mentioned the organization was changing its name to Reclaim.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB22-131 – Public Hearing, Ordinance Adopting 2023 Property Tax Levy **Audio: 24:44**

Finance Director Gould provided the staff report.

Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Adopting 2023 Property Tax Levy at 7:34 p.m.

The following individual(s) provided comment on the agenda item:

Kenneth Nero, 1161 Forster Blvd. SW

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Mayor McFarland announced the Public Hearing would remain open until the November 15, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Miller **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to continue the Public Hearing on the Ordinance Setting the 2023 Property Tax Levy until the November 15, 2022 City Council meeting. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB22-132 – Public Hearing Only, Proposed 2023-2024 Biennial Budget **Audio: 42:10**

Finance Director Gould provided the staff report.

Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023-2024 Biennial Budget at 7:50 p.m.

The following individual(s) provided comment on the agenda item:

Kenneth Nero, 1161 Forster Blvd. SW

Nela Cumming, 231 W Park St.

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Mayor McFarland closed the Public Hearing at 7:56 p.m.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Loudenback thanked the audience for their input on budget items and noted further clarity is provided as the budget progresses. Additionally, he thanked the North Bend Downtown Foundation and City staff for their help on last weekend's Trick-or-Treat Street event.

Councilmember Miller echoed Councilmember Loudenback's comments on Trick-or-Treat Street.

Councilmember Gothelf commented on Halloween activities in his neighborhood and reminded all to exercise caution when using or driving through City crosswalks.

Councilmember Koellen reminded all that flu shots and COVID-19 primary/booster shots were available at Snoqualmie Valley Hospital.

Councilmember Joselyn mentioned daylight savings time ends on November 6th and commented on recent rainfall and historically low levels in area rivers and lakes.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- 4 Way Stop Traffic Modification at Main Ave. & 2nd Street
- Stage 2 of Water Conservation Ordinance
- Staff Efforts Regarding Grants
- Election Day – November 8th
- Special Budget Workstudy – Tuesday, November 8th @ 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk