

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 3, 2023

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 (remote), Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Loudenback, Miller and Rosen.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Council Workstudy of October 25, 2022, Special Council Workstudy of November 1, 2022 & City Council Meeting of December 6, 2022

Payroll – **December 5, 2022 – 28572** through **28577**, in the amount of **\$320,837.87**
December 20, 2022 – 28578 through **28583**, in the amount of **\$262,022.65**

Checks – **December 20, 2022 – 73319** through **73383**, in the amount of **\$275,964.20**
December 30, 2022 – 73384 through **73438**, in the amount of **\$1,373,471.45**

January 3, 2023 – 73439 through **73443**, in the amount of **\$9,368.80**

AB23-001 – Resolution 2050 Accepting Dahlgren Property Infrastructure Improvements

AB23-002 – Resolution 2051 Accepting Local Bridge Program Federal Grant & Authorizing
LA Agreement RE NB Way Bridge No. 3

AB23-003 – Motion Authorizing Amendment No. 9 to AirNote Contract

AB23-004 – Resolution 2052 Adopting Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

AB23-005 – Motion Authorizing Purchase of Snowplow Parts

Councilmember Miller **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rosen to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Terry Jensen, 12113 434 Ave. SE, reiterated his previous request that the City consider a “First Responders Day” collaboration with the City of Snoqualmie to honor local first responders and expressed concern about public safety in areas where parking spots were too close to street corners such as near Bartells Drug Store in Downtown.

Paul Mallasch, 355 SE 10th Street, expressed concern about the treating and cleaning of roads during inclement weather and requested the City do a better job at maintaining the roads. Additionally, he requested Public Works Director Rigos follow up with him regarding questions he had about road maintenance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

AB23-006 – 2023 Council Standing Committee Appointments

Audio: 8:28

Mayor Pro Tem Koellen proposed the following 2023 Council Committee appointments for Council's consideration:

Community & Economic Development Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Miller

Members – Councilmember Elwood, Councilmember Joselyn

Budget, Finance & Administration Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Gothelf

Members – Councilmember Elwood, Councilmember Joselyn

Public Health & Safety Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Rosen

Members – Councilmember Gothelf, Councilmember Loudenback

Transportation & Public Works Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Loudenback

Members – Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Rosen

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve AB23-006 confirming the 2023 appointments to the Council's Standing Committees. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

Presentation – Citizens Academy

Audio: 11:12

Administrative Services Director Escobar announced the City would be holding a Citizens Academy for those interested in learning more about how local government works in North Bend. She explained the Citizens Academy is a seven-week interactive course designed to provide an in-depth look into city operations and most classes would be held weekly, from February 6th to March 21st, 2023. Those individuals who were interested in applying can do so by visiting the News section of the City website at www.northbendwa.gov.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Gothelf wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Councilmember Rosen and other neighbors in New Si View for helping with the cleanup effort following the recent storm. He thanked Public Works staff for their efforts during the storm and requested more information be shared with the public on snow removal efforts.

Councilmember Miller thanked Public Works staff for all of their hard work during the recent ice storm and commented on how informative and educational her visit was to Public Works during the event. She encouraged the community to take better care of each other whether it be by being kind interacting with others in person, on social media or while driving.

Councilmember Joselyn wished everyone a Happy New Year and echoed Councilmember Miller's comments on community support and betterment. He acknowledged the hard work of Public Works staff during the recent storms and commented on the benefit of salt application during the recent snow/ice event. Additionally, he congratulated Erin Mitchell on being named employee of the year for 2022 at the recent staff luncheon and noted he looked forward to the January Council Retreat.

Councilmember Loudenback wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted he looked forward to the new year with renewed enthusiasm.

Councilmember Rosen commented on the community effort clearing debris in the New Si View neighborhood after the recent ice storm. He thanked all of his neighbors for their efforts and noted this type of action was what made North Bend such a wonderful community to live in.

Councilmember Elwood noted as a virtual participant of the meeting that it was hard to hear those speaking and encouraged all to speak directly into the microphones. He commented on the positive feedback and updates he received during the recent storm events and encouraged an intensified focus on public engagement with City processes, policies, and initiatives.

Councilmember Koellen wished everyone a Happy New year and thanked Police, Fire and Public Works staff for their efforts during the recent ice storm.

City Administrator Miller thanked Public Works staff for cleaning up over 200 downed trees and over 1,000 limbs after the recent storm. He noted Public Works Director Rigos was coordinating a future yard waste recycling event for storm debris.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- Public Works Storm Response
- Parks Workshop – January 9th 1 p.m. @ North Bend Depot & January 11th 5:30 @ City Hall
- SE 136th & 436th Ave. Roundabout Construction
- Snoqualmie Valley Record Best of the Valley – Communications Manager Bre Keveren and Councilmember Mary Miller
- Special Workstudy – January 10th 7 p.m. @ City Hall

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor McFarland recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and collective bargaining negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last sixty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 8:40 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional thirty minutes.

At 9:10 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional thirty minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Loudenback **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rosen. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk