

## **NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**November 7, 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 7:01 p.m.

**Councilmembers Present:** Elwood, Joselyn, Koellen, Miller and Rosen. Councilmember Gothelf was excused.

Mayor McFarland announced the Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting was cancelled.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes – Special Council Workstudy of October 10, 2023 & City Council Meeting of October 17, 2023**

**Payroll – October 20, 2023 – 28720** through **28726**, in the amount of **\$278,294.76**

**Checks – November 7, 2023 – 74699** through **74796**, in the amount of **\$912,396.60**

**AB23-127** – Motion Authorizing Contract with Parametrix for Middle Fork Flood Conveyance Project

**AB23-128** – Motion Authorizing Interagency Agreement with Department of Commerce

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

**Deb Landers**, 14615 438<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, announced an Artists Sunday event would be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Outlet Mall and features local artists, art projects, music and pictures with Santa.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

**AB23-129 – Public Hearing**, Ordinance Adopting 2024 Property Tax Levy      **Audio: 3:01**

Interim Finance Director Bouda provided the staff report.

**Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Adopting 2024 Property Tax Levy at 7:19 p.m.**

**There was no public comment and Mayor McFarland announced the Public Hearing would remain open until the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting.**

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to continue the Public Hearing on the Ordinance Setting the 2024 Property Tax Levy until the November 21, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

**AB23-130 – Public Hearing, Ordinance Adopting 2023/2024  
Mid-Biennium Budget Modification**

**Audio: 20:13**

Interim Finance Director Bouda provided the staff report.

**Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing on the Ordinance Adopting 2023/2024 Mid-Biennium Budget Modification at 7:24 p.m.**

**There was no public comment and Mayor McFarland announced the Public Hearing would remain open until the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting.**

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to conduct the Public Hearing and move Ordinance Adopting 2023/2024 Mid-Biennium Budget Modification forward for second reading and adoption at the November 21, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

#### **MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:**

Councilmember Miller thanked the community for their kindness leading up to today's election and thanked all candidates for stepping up to run, being honorable and positive in their campaigns, and wished them the best in the election.

Councilmember Elwood commented on the excellent community turnout for today's election and thanked local candidates and residents for their respectful behavior and lack of negativity during the recent campaign.

Councilmember Joselyn commented on daylight savings time, fall weather and the return of the rain after a prolonged dry period. He thanked Public Works Director Rigos for his frequent updates pertaining to the Water Conservation Ordinance.

Councilmember Rosen thanked Council and staff for his going away celebration earlier in the day and echoed Councilmember Elwood's comments regarding the recent election campaign.

Councilmember Koellen echoed fellow Councilmember's comments regarding today's election and reminded all that Veteran's Day was this weekend and thanked all veterans and their families for the contributions they make to the community.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- November 7<sup>th</sup> General Election & Candidate Campaigns

- E NB Way Partial Lane Closure – November 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- City Offices Closed Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Veterans Day
- Holly Days – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 to 8 p.m. @ Downtown North Bend
- Cleaning Leaves from Storm Drains
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Special City Council Meeting 7 p.m. @ City Hall

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Rosen **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Koellen. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rob McFarland, Mayor

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk