

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 438th Ave. SE, announced an Artists Sunday event would be held on November 26th 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 Bouta 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 Bouta 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 veteran's and their families for the contributions they make to the community.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- November 7th General Election & Candidate Campaigns

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

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk