

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 5, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Elwood, Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Council Meeting of February 20, 2024

Payroll – February 20, 2024 – 28774 through **28780**, in the amount of **\$288,047.17**

Checks – March 5, 2024 – 75259 through **75308**, in the amount of **\$559,200.84**

AB24-024 – Motion – Authorizing Contract with Parametrix for SF Ave. Bypass & Starfish Roundabout Project

AB24-025 – Motion Authorizing Contract with RH2 for Tanner Trail Extension

AB24-026 – Motion Authorizing Contract with PH Consulting for 2024 Pavement Overlay Project

AB24-027 – Motion Authorizing Contract with PH Consulting for 2024 RRFB Project

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Rob Wotton, SnoValley Innovations Center Founder, thanked the City Council for passing the Snoqualmie Valley Economic Alliance agreement and noted the Snoqualmie Tribe agreed to the agreement last week. He updated the Council about Innovative Friday meetings and noted that they had their first entrepreneur attend recently. Additionally, he reported on the upcoming Valley Innovation Project that will take place on April 26, 2024, at Remlinger Farms.

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, commented that he attended a recent workstudy and encouraged residents to attend as well to stay informed. He also spoke in regards to the development of the National Guard parcels, water infrastructure, and zoning changes regarding low density residential and concluded by commenting that he would like more commercial development for tax revenues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Audio: 10:00

AB24-028 – Appointment to Economic Development Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf recommended the appointment of Michael Kunz to Position No. 4 to the Economic Development Commission, term expiring December 31, 2024.

Councilmember Tremolada **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to approve AB24-028, confirming the appointment of Michael Kunz to Position No. 4 on the Business & Economic Development Commission for the remainder of Position No. 4's current term, set to expire on December 31, 2024. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

Announcement – New Finance Director

Audio: 18:45

Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf introduced the City's new Finance Director Martin Chaw.

Presentation – Planning Commission Report

Audio: 19:44

Planning Commission Chair Thiel presented the Commission's 2023 accomplishments. The Planning Commission met 12 times in 2023 with the bulk of the work spent on the Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Action Plan. Other major accomplishments included a recommendation for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Scope and Public Participation Plan, and recommendations on the Shoreline, Critical Area, Parks, and Economic Development Elements.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB24-029 – Motion – Authorizing Contract with Rivers Edge Environmental Services

Audio: 34:25

Community and Economic Development Director Deming provided the staff report.

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB24-029, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Small Public Works Agreement with Rivers Edge Environmental Inc. to abate asbestos materials and demolish two buildings at 230 Main Ave N. in North Bend, Washington, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney, in an amount not to \$39,469.32. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Torguson shared her thoughts about waste management fees relaying that her family has decided to downsize their garbage can in an effort to create less waste and help with costs. She noted North Bend Downtown Foundation announced Sips, Suds and Si will be held on May 18, 2024, and then welcomed new Finance Director Martin Chaw.

Councilmember Koellen congratulated the Mt Si High School Boys Basketball team for being State Champions.

Councilmember Tremolada encouraged residents to support small businesses and thanked Eric and team at Single Track Cycle for their contributions to the community and said he is sad to see them leaving town. He expressed his excitement about new businesses that will be starting in town with the help of the SnoValley Innovation Center. He asked residents to take caution traveling around area parks in light of opening day of baseball season and encouraged residents to support Snoqualmie Valley Little League by attending baseball games.

Councilmember Rustic noted she recently attended the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society presentation on North Bend 101 and thanked them for their efforts.

Councilmember Joselyn echoed Councilmember Torgeson's comments about waste management and noted his family downsized their garbage can as a proactive step to reduce waste. He commented that the new garbage service contract with Recology provided for better community engagement and was the better of the two choices provided during the request for proposal process and recognized that the cost was not insignificant to the residents.

City Administrator Miller commented that he was happy to have the City's new Finance Director on board. Finance Director Chaw thanked City Administrator Miller and Council for welcoming him to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf spoke regarding the following items:

- The new garbage contract with Recology will start April 1, 2024.
- Chat with the Chiefs at Hartwood Café on March 7, 2024 from 10 to 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss 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 twenty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Torgeson **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Elwood. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alan Gothelf, Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer Bourlin, Deputy City Clerk