

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 21, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

Mayor Miller called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of October 7, 2025

Payroll – October 3, 2025 – 77827 through 77834, in the amount of **\$271,743.42**

Checks – October 21, 2025 – 77922 through 77995, in the amount of **\$1,793,959.66**

AB25-109 – Ordinance 1840 Amending NBMC Chapter 18.18 Landscaping Regulations

AB25-110 – Ordinance 1841 Amending NBMC Section 18.38.020 Regarding Notice on Title

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Proclamation – Purple Heart City

Audio: 3:13

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring the City of North Bend to be a Purple Heart City. Robert Butterfield, an American Legion Post 79 2nd Vice-Commander, George Townsend, an American Legion Post Adjutant, Mike Johnston, an American Legion Post 79 Member, and Purple Heart recipient David Waggoner, an American Legion Post 79 Service Officer, were present during the reading of the proclamation.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair
A report of the October 21st meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn
A report of the October 14th Special Workstudy was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair
A report of the October 14th meeting was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the October 9th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rustik, Chair
No report.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair
A report of the September 23rd meeting was provided.

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Councilmember Tremolada
A report of the October 8th meeting was provided.

Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee – Councilmember Torguson
A report of the September 25th meeting was provided.

SnoValley Chamber of Commerce – Councilmember Torguson
A report of recent activities was provided.

Planning Commission
A report of the October 1st meeting was provided.

Parks Commission
A report of the September 24th meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission
A report of the September 17th joint meeting with City of Snoqualmie was provided.

MAIN AGENDA:

AB25-111 – Public Hearing, Ordinance 1842 Vacating a Portion of Right-of-Way Along NW 8th Street **Audio: 34:15**

Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Right-of-Way along NW 8th Street at 7:39 p.m.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Ward Bettes, North Bend resident

Mayor Miller closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to approve AB25-111, an ordinance vacating a portion of public right-of-way that intersects NW 8th Street

located east of parcel # 0823089001 and west of parcel # 0923089027, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 5-2 (Gothelf, Rustik).

AB25-112 – Public Hearing, Ordinance Setting 2026 Property Tax Levy Audio: 43:06

Finance Director Chaw provided the staff report.

Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Setting the 2026 Property Tax Levy at 7:51 p.m.

There was no public comment and Mayor Miller announced the Public Hearing would remain open until the November 18, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB25-112, continuing the Public Hearing on an Ordinance setting the 2026 Property Tax Levy until the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB25-113 – Ordinance 1843 Amending NBMC 10.20.020 & Adopting Audio: 53:12
NBMC 10.20.050 RE Motorized Foot Scooters

Community & Economic Development Director Henderson provided the staff report.

Councilmember Rustik **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-113, an ordinance relating to motorized foot scooters, amending NBMC 10.20.020 (General requirements and operation) and adopting a new NBMC Section 10.20.050 (Impoundment and penalties), as a first and final reading.

Councilmember Torguson **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to amend NBMC Section 10.20.020A to revert back to the original age restriction of 16. The motion **FAILED** 2-5 (Elwood, Gothelf, Joselyn, Rustik, Tremolada).

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to amend NBMC Section 10.20.020E to add the phrase “on the sidewalk” to the end of the sentence. The motion **PASSED** 5-2 (Koellen, Torguson).

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to amend NBMC Section 10.20.020D to state the following: “It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorized foot scooter on a public roadway that has a speed limit exceeding 25 miles per hour, except that motorized foot scooters may be operated within designated bicycle lanes at a speed not exceeding 25 miles per hour.” The motion **PASSED** 6-1 (Koellen).

The main motion then **PASSED AS AMENDED** 6-1 (Koellen).

AB25-114 – Ordinance 1844 Adopting NBMC Chapter 10.18 Electric Motorcycles

Audio: 1:29:16

Community & Economic Development Director Henderson provided the staff report.

Councilmember Rustik **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-114, an ordinance adopting NBMC Chapter 10.18 to define and regulate electric motorcycles, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 5-2 (Elwood, Tremolada).

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Elwood noted Valley Center Stage would be holding a one-night stage reading of Edgar Allen Poe's Afterlife Radio Show on Saturday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. at Sallal Grange.

Councilmember Koellen encouraged all to register to vote and submit their ballots for the upcoming November 4th General Election.

Councilmember Tremolada echoed Councilmember Koellen's comments.

Councilmember Gothelf thanked fellow Councilmembers for the robust discussion on AB25-113 Ordinance Amending NBMC 10.20.020 & Adopting NBMC 10.20.050 RE Motorized Foot Scooters and AB25-114 Ordinance Adopting NBMC Chapter 10.18 Electric Motorcycles. Additionally, he encouraged all to exercise caution when traveling through City roundabouts and when out and about during Halloween.

Councilmember Rustik echoed Councilmember Gothelf's comments regarding tonight's agenda items and thanked the Public Works crew for repairing the sidewalks in her neighborhood.

Councilmember Joselyn echoed Councilmember Gothelf and Rustik's comments regarding tonight's agenda items.

City Administrator Emery thanked Community & Economic Development Director Henderson for all of his work on AB25-113 Ordinance Amending NBMC 10.20.020 & Adopting NBMC 10.20.050 RE Motorized Foot Scooters and AB25-114 Ordinance Adopting NBMC Chapter 10.18 Electric Motorcycles.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Trick or Treat Street – Saturday, October 25th 3 – 5 p.m. @ Downtown
- Meet-up Cleanup – Monday, October 27th 4 – 5 p.m. @ Train Depot
- Bendigo Blvd Street Closure (W Park to W NB Way) October 26 – October 31st
- November 4th General Election & Ballot Drop Box @ North Bend Library

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk