

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 26, 2018

6:00 PM

**Bonnie Onyon - Mayor
Steve Lawrenson – Mayor Pro Tem**

- A. STUDY SESSION: - 5:30 PM** – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) 2019 Budget – Presented by Alex Wenger

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule.

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Acting Community Development Services Director Alex Wenger, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford, and City Attorney Jon Sitkin.

- B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM**

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, and Alicia Rule.

ABSENT: Mary Lou Steward.

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Chief of Police Allen Schubert, Acting Community Development Services Director Alex Wenger, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford.

- C. PRESENTATION**

1. Chewter’s Chocolates

- D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

1. None.

- E. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Hollander reported on the Monthly Chief’s Report.

- F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. None.

G. GATEWAY PROPERTY MARKETING REPORT

1. Windermere Real Estate – Mike Kent

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$683,357.98
2. Approval of November 13, 2018, City Council Minutes
3. Development Agreement with the Port of Bellingham for Deferral of Water Main Improvements

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 5-0.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2019 Budget

Jeffrey Lazenby introduced the 2019 budget.

The public hearing was opened for testimony at 6:25 PM.

1. Kathy Sitker, Senior Center Director, regarding her appreciation for the City's support for the Senior Center.

At 6:27 PM, the public hearing was closed.

The 2019 budget will be voted on December 10, 2018.

- J.** Council convened in executive session at 6:37 PM, for 20 minutes, extended 15 minutes, extended another 5 minutes, to discuss sale of real property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), with action to be taken.

Council reconvened in regular session at 7:17 PM, with action to be taken under Council Action Items Number 1.

K. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Chewter's Chocolates letter of intent to enter into purchase and sale agreement.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO TABLE THE PROPOSAL, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 5 – 0.

L. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Tourism and Advisory Committee – Steve Lawrenson reported that a Study Session occurred on this topic tonight.
2. Blaine Chamber of Commerce – Steve Lawrenson handed out the Chamber's goals for 2019.
3. Small Cities Caucus – Michael Jones and Bonnie Onyon reported that the Caucus wants to promote youth programs, programs for troubled teens, and programs that will help with mental health issues and drug dependency.

M. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – Sam Castro reported on 665 Peace Portal Drive demolition project, aquifer assessments and the plan to increase pumping capacity, Utility Transportation Commission on Hughes, Marine Drive and Bell railroad crossing, trip hazards in the City were discussed, Lift Station 4 requires replacement or repair, the library sustained some damage after a vehicle drove into it, the City’s insurance provider Clear Risk Solutions will be doing a reviewing facilities in December, and emergency preparedness and support functions.
2. Police Department – Chief Schubert reported on his handout, as well as the statistical report the Police Department is working on.
3. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the Boblett Properties LLC land sale at the Gateway property.

N. CALENDARS

Unless noted, all meetings are held at City Hall, 435 Martin Street, Suite 4000, and are open to the public. Agendas can be found on the City’s website.

Monday, December 10
6 pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 11
8 am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, December 13
10 am – Public Works Advisory Committee
Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Thursday, December 13
7 pm – Planning Commission meeting
Public Hearing – Marin PUD Amendment
Public Hearing – Flood Hazard Regulations Update

Monday, December 24
9 am – City Council Meeting.

Tuesday, December 25
City offices will be closed in observance of Christmas

Thursday, December 27
7 pm – Planning Commission meeting – CANCELED

O. ADJOURNED: 7:35 PM

Following the council meeting, the council will convene in closed session to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for December 26, 2018, were approved at the December 10, 2018, Council meeting.