

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 12, 2019

6:00 PM

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

- A. STUDY SESSION: 5:04 PM** – Council Retreat Follow-Up: Utilities and Facilities
Maintenance Planning
5:20 PM – Council Retreat Follow-Up: Community Health
5:40 PM – Council Retreat Follow-Up: Communication Plan and
Transparency

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

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, Chief of Police Donnell Tanksley, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager.

B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMEMBERS: Jaime Arnett, Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, and Alicia Rule. Mary Lou Steward requested to be excused.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSON TO EXCUSE MARY LOU STEWARD, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6-0.

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, Chief of Police Donnell Tanksley, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager, and City Attorney Jon Sitkin.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. Family Care Network – Presentation by Dr. Anderson on the proposed use of the City's Gateway property. Councilmembers asked Dr. Anderson various questions regarding their potential project.
2. Jim Zell, regarding hatred and anger in this Country.
3. Bill Becht, 810 Peace Portal Drive, regarding traffic tickets in Blaine.

D. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Herschel Rostov reported on the August 2019 of the *Responder*.

E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated July 23, 2019, from Michael Jones, regarding Whatcom County Council's consideration of the City's Resolution to create a no shooting zone.
2. Letter dated July 26, 2019, from Bryan Johnson, regarding a refund to the Pacific Arts Association.
3. Email dated July 26, 2019, from Bonnie Onyon, regarding the July Whatcom County Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board minutes.
4. Email dated July 26, 2019, from Bonnie Onyon, regarding the July Small Cities Meeting minutes.
5. Email dated July 28, 2019, from Margarett Grant, regarding the proposed Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone.
6. Email dated August 1, 2019, from Michael Jones, regarding the D Street emergency closure.
7. Email dated August 8, 2019, from Michael Zapico, regarding speeding on D Street.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.

1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$454,573.45, Wire Register: \$299,636.33
2. Approval of Payroll: \$676,634.85
3. Approval of July 22, 2019, City Council Minutes

Item 4 (transfer of facility rentals) was moved to Action Items.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6-0.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. To consider the acceptance of the account of expense report for the demolition of the dangerous building at 665 Peace Portal Drive, Blaine, WA 98230 – presented by Jon Sitkin and Tim Woodard.

Opened: 6:55 PM

Testimony:

1. Ms. Norris, regarding her request to postpone action on the resolution.

Closed: 7:00 PM

H. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 1767-19, to consider the acceptance of the account of expense report for the demolition of the dangerous building at 665 Peace Portal Drive, Blaine, WA 98230 – presented by Jon Sitkin.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSEN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1767-19, TO CONSIDER THE ACCEPTANCE OF EXPENSE REPORT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE DANGEROUS BUILDING AT

665 PEACE PORTAL DRIVE, BLAINE, WA 98230, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

2. Resolution 1766-19, to include updates to the Wharf District Master Plan on the 2019 Docket of Amendments to the City of Blaine Comprehensive Plan – presented by Stacie Pratschner.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1766-19, TO INCLUDE UPDATES TO THE WHARF DISTRICT MASTER PLAN ON THE 2019 DOCKET OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BLAINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

3. Request for Proposal (RFP) for the redevelopment of the Old City Hall site – presented by Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSON TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP), WITH THE EXTENDED TIMELINES, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

4. Second Amendment to the Senior Center Lease Agreement for the transfer of facility rental coordination for the Senior/Community Center and the Pavilion – presented by Samuel Crawford.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SENIOR CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF FACILITY RENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

I. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – Steve Lawrenson reported that there is a meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00am.

J. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – Sam Castro reported on the Hughes Avenue project, the East Blaine Infrastructure project, the ADA ramps on H St., there is a sewer project that is happening on 11th St., there is a project manager for the cemetery niche wall project, electricity was installed at the Gateway site so it is ready for development, Gus Gorze and Leo Baldwin will be retiring in 2019, the Rodeo is Friday, August 23rd.
2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on Debbie Harger’s retirement party which will be on August 12th. The Community Development Services Department is working with the Public Works Department on the CHS contract. Work is going to begin next to Edaleen Dairy.
3. Police Department – Police Chief Tank reported on the Police Department’s social media outreach. The Chief has been assisting with the 9/11 memorial.
4. City Clerk – Samuel Crawford reported on the Blaine Library redesign and the City’s communications outreach.
5. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the County Council’s scheduling of a public hearing for the Drayton Harbor no shooting zone. The City received EDI grant and loan

funding for the Gateway Stormwater pond. Michael Jones will be out of the office at a conference until Friday.

K. 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, August 12

5:00pm – Study Session: Utilities and Facilities Maintenance Planning

5:20pm – Study Session: Community Health

5:40pm – Study Session: Communication Plan and Transparency

6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Tuesday, August 13

8am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 22

7pm – Planning Commission

Public Hearing: Stone - Accessory Dwelling Unit Permit

Monday, August 26

6pm – Regular City Council meeting

- L.** Council convened in executive session at 8:06 PM, for 30 minutes, to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) and sale of real property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), with no action to be taken.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 8:36 PM with no action taken.

M. ADJOURNED: 8:38 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for August 12, 2019, were approved at the August 26, 2019, Council meeting.