

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 26, 2019

6:00 PM

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

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 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 CHARLIE HAWKINS, 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, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager.

B. PROCLAMATION – MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS – Presented by Mayor Onyon

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sign-up/Comment Sheet located in Council Chambers before Meeting

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D. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Rostov reported on the July 2019 Fire Chief's report.

E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated August 13, 2019, from Mayor Onyon, regarding a letter from White Rock's Mayor, Chris Magnus.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$174,671.49
Advance Pay: \$4,900.50
2. Approval of August 12, 2019, City Council Minutes
3. Extension of Crown Castle Cell Tower Lease

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

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2019 Water System Plan – Presented by Stacie Pratschner and Rodney Langer from CHS Engineers.

The public hearing was opened for testimony at 6:41 PM.

Testimony:

1. Ken Hertz, 112 Fern St., regarding the water flow of in-house sprinklers. Fire Chief Rostov reported on the water flow of in-house sprinklers and how they function during a fire.

The public hearing was continued to Monday, September 9, 2019, at 6:00 PM.

H. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 19-2931, amending the 2019 Budget for the Water Fund Capital 410, Sewer Fund Capital 420, Stormwater Fund Capital 425, Street Operating Fund 101, Street Capital 333, Reserve Fund 007, and Transportation Benefit District (TBD) 118) – Presented by Jeffrey Lazenby.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 19-2931, AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR THE WATER FUND CAPITAL 410, SEWER FUND CAPITAL 420, STORMWATER FUND CAPITAL 425, STREET OPERATING FUND 101, STREET CAPITAL 333, RESERVE FUND 007, AND TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (TBD) 118. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

2. Resolution 1769-19, Amending the rules of procedure of the Planning Commission of the City of Blaine, Washington, to modify the meeting start times to 6 PM – Presented by Stacie Pratschner.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSEN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1769-19, AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, TO MODIFY THE MEETING START TIMES TO 6 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

3. RH2 Professional Services Agreement for the East Blaine Assessment – Presented by Stacie Pratschner.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH RH2 ENGINEERING, SECONDED BY JAIME ARNETT, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

I. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – Steve Lawrenson reported on the Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) grants for 2020.
2. Blaine Chamber of Commerce – Steve Lawrenson reported on the Chamber’s new activity director.

J. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – Sam Castro reported on various projects including the Hughes Avenue project, East Main Sewer Extension, H Street Bridge Approach & ADA ramps, and the cemetery niche wall. Sam also discussed the status of parklet signs, the SCADA Master Plan, Clear Risk Solution’s Facility Assessment, downtown flower pots, and the Gateway project regional pond.
2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on the Bridges Plat project, the City received the Grandis Pond preliminary subdivision application, the Planning Commission held two public hearings last week, and she reported on parklet signs.
3. Finance – Jeffrey Lazenby reported on the 2nd Quarter Financial Report, the Finance Committee met on August 22nd, and he gave an update on the processing platform for the new B&O tax.
4. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on Chief Tank’s departure from the City Council meeting due to School Superintendent Ron Spanjer’s retirement event. Michael also reported on the Bridges Plat project and the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Old City Hall site project. There was also discussion on a future resolution (Resolution 1768-19) regarding establishing priorities for 2020 budget and programs. A memo is being put together for the Aging Well Whatcom Initiative, and the City received a letter from the Director of the Yakima Jail that stated they are cancelling the jail contract. Chuckanut Bay Foods has achieved their last threshold for obtaining the rebates from the City which is 5% of the purchase price; which resulted in the release of escrow funds. The City received an offer to purchase the remainder of the Gateway property minus the area Family Care Network is interested in.
5. City Clerk – Samuel Crawford reported on the proposed Blaine Senior Center proclamation.

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, September 2
City Offices Closed – Labor Day

Monday, September 9
6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Tuesday, September 10
8am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 12
9am – Park and Cemetery Board

Thursday, September 12
10am – Public Works Advisory Committee
Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Thursday, September 12
7pm – Planning Commission

Monday, September 23
6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Thursday, September 26
7pm – Planning Commission

- L.** Council convened in executive session at 7:35 PM, for 30 minutes, extended 5 minutes, extended an additional 10 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 8:20 PM with no action taken.

- M. ADJOURNED: 8:21 PM**

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for August 26, 2019, were approved at the September 9, 2019, Council meeting.