

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, September 9, 2019

6:00 PM

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

- A. STUDY SESSION: 5:00 PM** – SSC’s recycling program – presentation by Rodd Pemble
5:25 PM – County-Wide Planning Policies – Presentation by Stacie Pratschner
5:30 PM – County Wayfinding Sign Program – Presentation by Sandy Ward

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

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager.

B. 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, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.

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.

C. PRESENTATION

1. White-Leasure Development Company Proposal on Gateway Property – Presentation by Larry Leasure.

D. SENIOR CENTER MONTH PROCLAMATION – Presented by Mayor Onyon

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. David Leu, 8668 Great Horned Owl Lane, regarding Westman Marine Port of Bellingham Cleanup.
2. Dennis Olason, 860 Georgia Street, regarding Family Care Network.

F. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Herschel Rostov reported on the September 2019 NWFR handout.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated September 2, 2019, from Glen Fraser, regarding trains in Blaine.

H. 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: \$1,993,107.31, Wire Register: \$321,751.46
2. Approval of Payroll: \$661,294.22
3. Approval of August 26, 2019, City Council Minutes
4. Approval of September 3, 2019, Special City Council Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 7-0.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2019 Water System Plan (continued) – Presented by Stacie Pratschner.

Opened: 6:26 PM

Testimony:

1. David Leu, 8668 Great Horn Owl Lane, regarding Richard Beuregard's appreciation of the City's and consultants work on the project.

Closed: 6:27 PM

J. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Purchase and Sale Agreement for sale of approximately 2.5 acres to the Family Care Network for use as a medical primary care facility and urgent care services center – Presentation by Ms. Strickland and Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND HOLD BACK AGREEMENT WITH THE FAMILY CARE NETWORK FOR THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 7-0.

K. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – Steve Lawrenson reported on the 8am BTAC meeting tomorrow. There will be discussion on the 2020 BTAC grant requests.
2. Port of Bellingham – Alicia Rule reported on the legacy contamination area in Blaine Harbor.
3. Port of Bellingham Marine Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported that there is a meeting tomorrow after having the summer off.

4. Library Committee – Mary Lou Steward reported on the Library redesign committee’s interview process. September is National Library Card sign-up month.
5. Senior Center Liaison – Mary Lou Steward reported on the importance of the Senior Center.

L. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones gave an update on the proposed Resolution 1768-19, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Blaine, Washington, establishing priorities for 2020 budgeting and programs. Michael will be on vacation for the second half of September and Samuel Crawford will be Acting City Manager in his absence. Court Administrator Raylene Heutink reported on various jail related statistics as well as the status of negotiations for the new contract with Yakima County Jail. Michael reported on the Lummi Nation’s celebration on September 27th to celebrate the Salish Sea. Initiative 9706 regarding Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funds was also discussed.
2. Public Works – Sam Castro reported on adding bollards on the Peace Portal Trail, the East Main Sewer Extension, sewer smoke testing is in progress, and water mainline flushing is scheduled for this month.
3. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on the Bridges Plat project and the Westman Marine Port of Bellingham Cleanup.
4. Police Department – Chief Tank reported on the 9/11 Ceremony on Wednesday.
5. City Clerk – Samuel Crawford reported on the MRSC Article on Public Comment Procedure, Samuel informed Council that there will be several resolutions and ordinances brought forward to the next Council meeting, and the City is getting closer to having new microphones at the staff tables in the Council Chambers.

M. 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.

Tuesday, September 10
8am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 12
9am – Park and Cemetery Board

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

Thursday, September 12
6pm – Planning Commission – CANCELLED

Monday, September 23
6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Thursday, September 26
6pm – Planning Commission
Woodberry PUD Master Plan Review

- N.** Council convened in executive session at 7:03 PM, for 45 minutes, extended 15 minutes, extended an additional 15 minutes, extended an additional 10 minutes, to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), sale of real property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), and potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(I), with no action to be taken.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 8:28 PM with no action taken.

- O. ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM**

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

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

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