

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, February 10, 2020

6:00 PM

**Bonnie Onyon - Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance ***Please turn off all cell phones and other electronics that may interfere with the sound system***

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS: Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Richard May, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.

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

B. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

This time on the agenda is an opportunity for anyone to speak to the City Council about any topic except items scheduled on the agenda for a public hearing that same day, or items that have had a public hearing and are still under City Council deliberation. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

1. Dennis Olason, regarding the six-year transportation improvement program, as well as housing needs in Blaine.

C. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Rostov reported on the February 2020 handout.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated January 30, 2020, from Dennis Olason, regarding the Peace Portal alley project.
2. Email dated January 31, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding Dennis Olason's questions regarding the Peace Portal Alley project.
3. Email dated January 31, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding the City's response to the recent rainfall and flooding.

E. 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: \$304,906.81
2. Approval of Payroll: \$688,563.42
3. Approval of January 27, 2020, City Council Minutes
4. Resolution 1792-20, Declaring certain City property as surplus.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7-0.

F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 1790-20, Providing for the transfer of real property from the City's General Fund to the City's Stormwater Fund – Presented by Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1790-20, PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND TO THE CITY'S STORMWATER FUND. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Providing Direction for Future Preparation of the Final Assessment Roll for LID #36 – Presented by Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO INCLUDE A CITY COMMITMENT OF UP TO \$212,000 IN THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR LID #36 IS CALCULATED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Resolution 1789-20, Initiating amendments to the Blaine Municipal Code to authorize regulation of exterior building maintenance and street-level vacant commercial space in the Central Business District – Presented by Stacie Pratschner.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1789-20, INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE REGULATION OF EXTERIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND STREET-LEVEL VACANT COMMERCIAL SPACE IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN, AND APPROVED 7-0.

4. Resolution 1791-20, Accepting a donation of a Ponderosa Pine tree from Bill Becht – Presented by Stacie Pratschner.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1791-20, ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A PONDEROSA PINE TREE FROM BILL BECHT, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON. THE MOTION FAILED 2-5 (CHARLIE HAWKINS, ERIC DAVIDSON, MARY LOU STEWARD, GARTH BALDWIN, AND RICHARD MAY).

G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – Eric Davidson reported there is a meeting tomorrow at 8am.
2. Blaine Chamber of Commerce Liaison – Richard May reported his conversation with the Chamber regarding the stormwater pond.
3. Boys and Girls Club Liaison – Alicia Rule reported on the spring sports registration. There are scholarships available.
4. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported on the celebration for opening up of shellfish harvesting.
5. Port of Bellingham Marine Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported there will be a meeting on February 11th.
6. Library Liaison – Mary Lou Steward reported on the final library design concept meeting which will be on February 11th at the Blaine Senior Center at 5:30pm. There will no longer be overdue library fines and there will be various events being held at the library over the next couple months.
7. WTA Board – Eric Davidson reported on the Executive meeting on February 13th.
8. Public Works Advisory Committee – Garth Baldwin reported there will be a meeting on February 13th.

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones gave an update on the Drayton Harbor no shooting request. He also reported on the disposition of Old City Hall and 665 Peace Portal Drive. The Labor and Industries report came back to the City, and Michael reported on the Peace Portal Alley project.

2. Finance – Jeffrey Lazenby reported on the Police Station Annex funding for the evidence room.
3. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on the general binding site plan for development at the airport property.
4. Public Works – Ravyn Whitewolf reported on the issues attributed to the recent storm and flooding in Blaine. Ravyn also reported on her discussion of the grade separation project with State Senators on her recent trip to Olympia.
5. Police Chief – Donnell Tanksley reported on the upcoming next of kin notification training on February 12th, as well as the crisis intervention course in March.

I. CALENDARS

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

Tuesday, February 11

8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 13

9:00am – Park and Cemetery Board Meeting

Thursday, February 13

2:00pm – Public Works Advisory Committee

Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave

Thursday, February 13

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, February 17

City Offices Closed – Presidents' Day

Monday, February 24

4:30pm – Study Session – OPMA and PRA Training

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, February 27

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, March 9

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, March 23

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Steward reported on the physical fitness of law enforcement officers and their access to fitness related facilities.

L. ADJOURNED: 7:18PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for February 10, 2020, were approved at the February 24, 2020, Council meeting.