

CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, September 28, 2020

6:00 PM

Bonnie Onyon - Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem

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A. STUDY SESSION: 5:45 PM – City Involvement in Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Response Team – Presented by Chief Tank. The memo is included on the City's website.

B. CALL TO ORDER:
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Bonnie Onyon

ROLL CALL

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

C. ACTING FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Acting Fire Marshall Hollander reported on a District reorganization.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated September 17, 2020, from Andrew Scoular, regarding the Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone.
2. Email dated September 18, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding the City's Standard and Poors water and sewer bond rating.
3. Email dated September 23, 2020, from Stacie Pratschner, regarding the reopening of the Blaine Welcome Center.
4. Letter dated September 23, 2020, from Steve Seymour, regarding the Drayton Harbor Oyster Company's use of the H St. Plaza after October 1, 2020.
5. New. Email dated September 27, 2020, from Kelsey Baldwin, regarding the use of the H Street Plaza by Drayton Harbor Oyster Company.
6. New. Email dated September 27, 2020, from Gabbi Richardson, regarding Drayton Harbor Oyster Company's use of outdoor plaza space.
7. New. Email dated September 27, 2020, from Kerry Clausen and Bonnie Onyon, regarding power outages.
8. New. Email dated September 27, 2020, from Steve Seymour, regarding his response to Alan Finston regarding Drayton Harbor Oyster Company's use of the H Street Plaza.

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: \$292,009.92
 - Advance Pay: \$53.75
2. Approval of September 14, 2020, City Council Minutes.

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

F. PUBLIC HEARING

***Please Note** Persons speaking on any issue will be allowed five (5) minutes. Additional, non-repetitive testimony will be allowed after all testimonies have been heard. Testimony can also be sent to CityCouncil@cityofblaine.com.*

1. Vacate the Mill Street Right-of-Way North of H Street. Bob Hammond gave a presentation on the street vacation. The presentation can be found on the City’s website.

Opened: 6:13 PM

No testimony was given.

Closed: 6:14 PM

G. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 1827-20, reinstating late fees for quarterly and monthly tax payments – presented by Jeffrey Lazenby.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1827-20, REINSTATING LATE FEES FOR QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY TAX PAYMENTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. An amendment to the existing purchase and sale agreement between the City of Blaine and White-Leasure Development to extend the agreement timeline by one hundred fifty (150) days – presented by Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLAINE AND WHITE-LEASURE DEVELOPMENT TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT TIMELINE BY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) DAYS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Resolution 1829-20, Forwarding a recommendation from the Blaine Park and Cemetery Board to amend resolution 1821-20 to permit use of the G and H Street Plazas until such time that the City Council determines the pandemic emergency has been resolved – presented by Stacie Pratschner.

The resolution originally presented was edited to include an extension timeframe.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1829-20, FORWARDING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BLAINE PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD TO AMEND RESOLUTION 1821-20 TO PERMIT USE OF THE G AND H STREET PLAZAS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT WHATCOM COUNTY HAS ENTERED INTO PHASE 3 OF THE WASHINGTON STATE SAFE START REOPENING PLAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY AND APPROVED 7-0.

H. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Whatcom County Mayors Weekly Meeting – Bonnie Onyon reported on the CARES Act money that will be going to the food banks. The County informed the City there’s \$250,000 in new money for new business start-ups in the County. Whatcom Transit Authority (WTA) received over \$8 million in CARES Act funding.
2. Small Cities Meeting – Bonnie Onyon and Michael Jones reported on the Housing Assistance Program and the Rental Assistance Program. This includes mortgage assistance programs.

I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the 2021 budget projections.
2. Public Works – Bob Hammond reported on the recent electrical outages as well as why the Public Works Department didn't apply for the broadband funding grant. It would have required a substantial cost sharing agreement.

J. CALENDARS

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Thursday, October 8
9:00am – Park and Cemetery Board Meeting

Thursday, October 8
2pm – Public Works Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 8
6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, October 12
6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 13
8am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 22
6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, October 26
6:00pm – City Council Meeting

All City offices are currently closed to the public. Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City's website.

- K.** Council convened in executive session at 7:51 PM, for 15 minutes, to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), with no action to be taken.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 8:06 PM with no action taken.

L. ADJOURNED: 8:06 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for September 28, 2020, were approved at the October 12, 2020, Council meeting.

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