

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 22, 2019

6:00 PM

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

- A. STUDY SESSION: 4:30 PM** – Water System Report – Presented by Ravyn Whitewolf
5:01 PM – Council Retreat Follow-Up Regarding Revitalizing Downtown – Presented by Michael Jones
5:25 PM – Council Retreat Follow-Up Regarding Fiscal Responsibility – Presented by Michael Jones

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

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, Chief of Police Donnell Tanksley, and Community Planner I Andrew Boucher.

B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMEMBERS: Jaime Arnett, Eric Davidson, 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, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, Chief of Police Donnell Tanksley, Community Planner I Andrew Boucher, and City Attorney Jon Sitkin.

- C. PRESENTATION** - Presentation of Fire Marshal designation award by Chief Noonchester.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. Jack Kintner, regarding the future of medical services in Blaine.

E. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Herschel Rostov reported on the *June 2019 Monthly Chief's Report*. He also reported on the attic fire the night before.

F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated July 15, 2019, from Michael Jones, regarding the 4th of July celebration.

2. Email dated July 15, 2019, from Michael Jones, regarding the proposed Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone.
3. Email dated July 15, 2019, from William Ruckelshaus, regarding the location change for the July 17th Road Map Open House.
4. Email dated July 16, 2019, from Carroll Solomon, regarding the 4th of July celebration.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$809,894.23
2. Approval of July 8, 2019, City Council Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

H. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Interlocal Agreement for North Whatcom Regional Source Project – presented by Ravyn Whitewolf.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR NOTH WHATCOM REGIONAL SOURCE PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

2. Ordinance 19-2930, updating the Shoreline Master Program and the Blaine Municipal Code – presented by Stacie Pratschner.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RULE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 19-2930, UPDATING THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM AND THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

3. Professional Services Agreement with Reichhardt & Ebe for construction services for Gateway Regional Storm Project – presented by Ravyn Whitewolf.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARNETT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH REICHHARDT AND EBE FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR GATEWAY REGIONAL STORM PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

4. Professional Services Agreement with Reichhardt & Ebe for construction services for East Blaine Extension – presented by Ravyn Whitewolf.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LAWRENSON TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REICHHARDT AND EBE FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR EAST BLAINE EXTENSION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RULE, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

5. Set Public Hearing for the 2019 Water System Plan for August 26, 2019.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIDSON TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2019 WATER SYSTEM PLAN ON AUGUST 26, 2019, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER STEWARD, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

6. Bid Award for Conservation Kits – presented by Ravyn Whitewolf.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER STEWARD TO AWARD THE BID TO PROVIDE CONSERVATION KITS TO BITS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF \$100,422.00 INCLUDING 8.7% TAX SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RULE, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

7. New Item. Direct Appropriation Grant for the East Blaine Infrastructure Project – presented by Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER STEWARD TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE DIRECT APPROPRIATION GRANT ACCEPTANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE EAST BLAINE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS.

Councilmember Davidson gave praise to Michael Jones, Mayor Onyon, and Councilmember Rule for their work with the City’s lobbyist in Olympia. Michael Jones informed City Council of the work Ravyn Whitewolf has done during this process, as well as the work David Wilbrecht, Blaine’s previous City Manager, did to get this project going.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 7-0.

I. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported on the meeting that will be on the 30th of July.
2. Port of Bellingham Marine Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported that the Committee is taking a break for the summer.
3. WTA Board – Eric Davidson reported on the annual retreat that occurred last week. There is going to be a study on bus fares and there has been a big push for more frequent express buses from rural communities. He also reported that Western Washington University is planning on expanding by 4,000 students.
4. Small Cities Partnership – Michael Jones reported on House Bill 1406 which allows for a sales tax rebate program for affordable housing. Michael was asked to enter into a letter of support for reapproving the housing affordability to the workforce program.

J. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – Ravyn Whitewolf reported that the Public Works Advisory Committee will not meet in August, and she reported on the status of the electric vehicle charging stations in Blaine. The Gateway Storm project is starting up this week and she gave praise to Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner for her work on the project. Hughes Avenue is being paved this week

and is expected to reopen next month. The “Roadeo” event will occur on August 23rd.

2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported that the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) recognized the City of Blaine with the Jurisdictional Outreach award, and the efforts of the Building Official Tim Woodard, the Code Enforcement Official Andrew Boucher, other department officials and City Council were commended for all their support.
3. City Manager – Michael Jones reported that CGI is going to be filming segments around the City of Blaine to promote the community. Michael also reported on the County-wide wayfinding program, the status of the library space planning efforts, and the future options for Old City Hall. These options include revitalizing the building or demolishing the building and redeveloping the site. Michael is creating a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Old City Hall redevelopment.

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.

Thursday, July 25

7pm – Planning Commission

Life Impact Church Conditional Use Permit

Thursday, August 8

9am – Park and Cemetery Board

Thursday, August 8

2pm – Public Works Advisory Committee

Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Thursday, August 8

7pm – Planning Commission

Stone - Accessory Dwelling Unit Permit

Monday, August 12

6pm – Regular City Council meeting

- L.** Council convened in executive session at 7:20 PM, for 30 minutes, extended 15 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 8:05 PM with no action taken.

M. ADJOURNED: 8:05 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for July 22, 2019, were approved at the August 12, 2019, Council meeting.