

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

6:00 PM

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

A. STUDY SESSION: 4:00 PM – 2020 Streets and Enterprise Funds Budget (Utilities)

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

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford.

B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO EXCUSE ERIC DAVIDSON,
SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSON, AND APPROVED 5-0.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY JAIME ARNETT TO EXCUSE ALICIA RULE,
SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 5-0.**

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Chief of Police Donnell ‘Tank’ 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.

C. 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 minutes per speaker.*

1. Paula Smith, Madison Avenue, regarding climate change.

D. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Herschel Rostov reported on the November 2019 edition of the NWFR report.

E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated October 30, 2019, from Lt. King, regarding the heavy police presence on Peace Portal.
2. Email dated November 7, 2019, from Doug Dahl, regarding the World Day of Remembrance Invitation.

F. 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: \$1,569,710.20, Wire Register: \$666,715.23
2. Approval of Payroll: \$676,206.28
3. Approval of October 28, 2019, City Council Minutes
4. Professional Service Agreement Amendment with Associated Project Consultants for the East Blaine Infrastructure project. (Whitewolf)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY JAIME ARNETT, AND APPROVED 5-0.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2020 Budget – Presented by Jeffrey Lazenby

The public hearing was opened for testimony at 6:12 PM.

No testimony was taken.

The public hearing was continued to Monday, November 25th at 6:00 PM.

2. Gateway Local Improvement District (LID) Formation – Presented by Ravyn Whitewolf

The public hearing was opened for testimony at 6:28 PM.

Testimony:

1. Letter dated November 12, 2019, from Heather Wolf, regarding Boblett’s objection to LID 36.
2. Email dated November 12, 2019, from Allen Nielson, regarding assessments costs related to the LID.
3. Heather Wolf, representing Boblett Properties LLC (Yorkston), regarding Boblett’s objection of the formation of the LID.
4. Jim Gibson (co-owner of Chuckanut Bay Foods), 1469 Boblett St., regarding Chuckanut Bay Foods’ concern over the cost of the LID.

The public hearing was closed at 6:36 PM.

H. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 19-2936, Relating to the setting of the Ad Valorem tax levies for 2020 and setting forth the increase for the regular property tax levy. (Lazenby)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 19-2936, RELATING TO THE SETTING OF THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR 2020 AND SETTING FORTH THE INCREASE FOR THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD AND APPROVED 5-0.

2. Ordinance 19-2937, ordering certain local improvements and creating a local improvement district to finance storm water improvements (including public trail and wetland mitigation) within a portion of the area in the City’s Gateway Manufacturing

zoning district south of H St., east of State Route 543 and north of Pipeline Road, and providing for the payment of the cost of such improvements by special assessments. (Whitewolf)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 19-2937, ORDERING CERTAIN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATING A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO FINANCE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS (INCLUDING PUBLIC TRAIL AND WETLAND MITIGATION) WITHIN A PORTION OF THE AREA IN THE CITY'S GATEWAY MANUFACTURING ZONING DISTRICT SOUTH OF H ST., EAST OF STATE ROUTE 543 AND NORTH OF PIPELINE ROAD, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JAIME ARNETT AND APPROVED 5-0.

3. Ordinance 19-2938, Modifying Blaine Municipal Code (BMC) Title 15: Buildings and Construction to update Chapter 15.04 – Building Codes and Chapter 15.08 – Fire Prevention. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 19-2938, MODIFYING BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE (BMC) TITLE 15: BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION TO UPDATE CHAPTER 15.04 – BUILDING CODES AND CHAPTER 15.08 – FIRE PREVENTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 5-0.

I. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – Steve Lawrenson reported on the 2020 BTAC budget.
2. Library Committee – Mary Lou Steward reported on the survey that is being sent out to the local community regarding their efforts to build a new library.
3. Senior Center Liaison – Mary Lou Steward reported on the Senior Center's Veteran's Day event.

J. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the legislative agenda, the flags flying half-mast for Chief Knapp passing away, and Stacie Pratschner and Michael are working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Welcome Center oversight.
2. City Clerk – Samuel Crawford reported on the appointment of a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore in 2020.
3. Public Works – Ravyn Whitewolf reported on the new lights and tress on Hughes Avenue, there have been maintenance issues at Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility, and the first utility request for East Blaine has been approved.
4. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on the upcoming interviews for the Community Planner I and Community Planner II positions, there is a new bakery coming to downtown, and there will be a Planning Commission Study Session on the 2019 docket in the next couple weeks.

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, November 11
City Offices Closed – Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12
8am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC)

Tuesday, November 12
4pm – Study Session – 2020 Streets and Enterprise Funds Budget (Utilities)
6pm – Regular City Council meeting
Public Hearing: 2020 Budget
Public Hearing: Gateway Local Improvement District Formation

Thursday, November 14
9am – Park and Cemetery Board - CANCELLED

Thursday, November 14
2pm – Public Works Advisory Committee
Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Thursday, November 14
6pm – Planning Commission
Study Session: 2019 Docket

Monday, November 25
4pm – Study Session – 2020 Budget
5pm – Study Session – 2020 Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) Budget
6pm – Regular City Council meeting
Public Hearing: 2020 Budget

Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29
City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28
6pm – Planning Commission - CANCELLED

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

N. Council convened in executive session at 7:03 PM, for 15 minutes, extended 15 minutes, extended 5 minutes, to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) and 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 7:43 PM with no action taken.

O. ADJOURNED: 7:44 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for November 12, 2019, were approved at the November 25, 2019, Council meeting.