

**CITY OF BLAINE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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**Monday, February 14, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Mary Lou Steward – Mayor**  
**Richard May – Mayor Pro Tem**

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**A. STUDY SESSION: 5:00 PM – Workforce and Affordable Housing (Jones/Dean Fearing - Kulshan Community Land Trust)**

**B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM**

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance – *Led by Mayor Steward*

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Kerena Higgins, Mike Hill, Rhyann Lopez, Richard May, and Mary Lou Steward.

**C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – If you wish to speak during the audience participation portion of the meeting, please use the “raise your hand” function via Zoom. Instructions on how to do this are at the bottom of the agenda.

1. Gloriann Tennyson, regarding the Blaine Court and Blaine Police Department.

**D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Email dated February 8, 2022, from Chris Klassen, regarding the need for a grocery store.

## E. WEEKLY BLAINE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

1. January 30, 2022
2. February 8, 2022

## 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: \$402,118.17
2. Wire Register: \$456,452.80
3. Approval of Payroll: \$657,188.32
4. Approval of January 24, 2022, City Council Minutes.
5. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Blaine and Teamsters Local Union No. 231.
6. Amended Legal Services Agreement between the City of Blaine and Chmelik Sitkin & Davis P.S. (Jones)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

## G. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 22-2978, Granting Cascade Natural Gas corporation, a corporation, its successors, grantees and assigns the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and franchise to install, construct, operate, maintain, remove, replace, and repair new and existing pipeline facilities, together with equipment and appurtenances thereto, for the transportation of natural gas within and through the City of Blaine. (Ziemianek)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 22-2978, GRANTING CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION, A CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS, GRANTEES AND ASSIGNS THE NONEXCLUSIVE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AUTHORITY AND FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, REMOVE, REPLACE, AND REPAIR NEW AND EXISTING PIPELINE FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS WITHIN AND THROUGH THE CITY OF BLAINE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RHYAN LOPEZ AND APPROVED 7-0.**

*This item will also be discussed and voted on at the February 28, 2022, City Council meeting.*

## H. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Council has the option to change individual assignments. The assignments for 2021 are below:
  - a) Blaine Chamber of Commerce Liaison – Richard May reported on the annual general meeting and fundraiser on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February at Loomis Golf Course.
  - b) Port of Bellingham Marine Advisory Committee – **Vacant**
  - c) WTA Board – Eric Davidson reported on the recent meeting regarding tourism and bus shelters.
  - d) Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – Rhyan Lopez reported on the 2007 bacterial recovery plan. They are working on updating the plan.
  - e) Blaine Elected Rep for Marine Resources Committee (County) – **Vacant**

## **I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. City Manager – Michael Jones
  - a. Council Retreat/Strategic Planning
  - b. New City Manager’s Report Format (see report)
  - c. Semiahmoo Trail Update (see letter)
  - d. East Blaine Sewer Area Fee (see memo)

## **J. CALENDARS**

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Monday, February 14

5:00pm – Study Session: Kulshan Land Trust

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Monday, February 21

City Offices Closed – Presidents’ Day

Tuesday, February 22

3:00pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 24

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, February 28

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

*Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City’s website.*

## **K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**

1. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Priority Projects. Michael reported on the email that was sent by Representative DelBene’s office regarding this act and certain City of Blaine priorities that might fit into this act.

**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council convened in executive session at 6:56 PM for 45 minutes, extended 30 minutes, to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (I)(iii), collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), and performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) with no action.

## **M. ADJOURNED: 8:34 PM**

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Mary Lou Steward, Mayor

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Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

*Council minutes for February 14, 2022, were approved at the February 28, 2022, Council meeting.*

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