

**CITY OF BLAINE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 8, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**Harry Robinson, Mayor  
Paul Greenough, Mayor Pro Tem**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM**

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Paul Greenough, Charlie Hawkins, Dennis Olason, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, and Harry Robinson.

**ABSENT:** Mary Lou Steward.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO EXCUSE MARY LOU STEWARD, SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSON, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.**

**STAFF:** City Manager David Wilbrecht, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Community Development Services Director Michael Jones, City Attorney Jon Sitkin, and Deputy City Clerk Samuel Crawford.

**B. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Email dated May 1, 2017, from Mike Haslip, regarding the first All Hazard Alert Monthly Test.

**C. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Hollander reported – the *Responder* newsletter was shared with Council and information in the newsletter was reviewed. The tsunami alert system was also discussed.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Bills - \$340,787.06
2. Approval of Payroll - \$539,891.48
3. Approval of Council Minutes for April 24, 2017
4. Project closeout for Well 5.1 project

**MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY BONNIE ONYON, AND APPROVED 6-0.**

**E. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Resolution 1708-17, Adoption Incentive Policy for Sale of Airport – presented by Jon Sitkin.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1708-17 THE AIRPORT PROPERTY SALE INCENTIVE POLICY, . THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSEN, AND APPROVED 6-0.**

2. Resolution 1709-17, Authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Other Municipalities to Address Homelessness – presented by David Wilbrecht.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS OLASON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1709-17 TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN SKAGIT COUNTY, WHATCOM COUNTY, AND ISLAND COUNTY, AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF A REGIONAL CONSORTIUM THAT WILL QUALIFY THE AREA FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND THE SHORTAGE OF HOMES AFFORDABLE TO LOWER-WAGE WORKERS AND OTHERS, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A HOME CONSORTIUM AND RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER THE NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT FOR THE PROGRAM YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2020. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS.**

In response to Council's question, staff clarified that there are no costs to the City associated with this resolution.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 6-0.**

3. Collective Bargaining Agreement – presented by David Wilbrecht.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE TEAMSTERS UNIFORM GROUP FOR 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSEN, AND APPROVED 6-0.**

**F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. City Manager – David Wilbrecht reported:
  - a. The Revenue Task Force meetings started last Tuesday, and will occur the next three Tuesdays at 3pm, and the Transportation Benefit District passed with over 70% of the vote, which will take effect in January 2018.
2. Public Safety – Police Chief Haslip reported:
  - a. ACS manager Chris Dautre will be retiring soon, and Joe Zaccaria will be assuming the ACS manager role; several ACS members recently attended a WA State communications academy; there was a bear sighting on May 8, 2017; questions regarding the AHAB unit were answered; there are different tsunami inundation zones and scenarios around Semiahmoo Spit; roughly 1,200 events so far this year which is lower than last year; and Officer Greene will now provide in-house training and two officers attended tactical training.

**G. COUNCIL REPORTS**

1. Blaine Chamber of Commerce – Bonnie Onyon reported – there was a round table discussion on Chamber member concerns; there was mention of wanting a sign on the Pavilion; and some members are interested in having a labyrinth at Marine Park.
2. Boys and Girls Club – Bonnie Onyon reported – Kelsey Clarke is going to be giving monthly reports on the activities at the Blaine Boys and Girls Club; in May they will be focusing on safety and the “Boys Council Program”; the Semiahmoo Yacht Club taught the kids how to make boats and properly use boating safety equipment; and May 31, 2017, is the end of the Boys and Girls Club membership year.
3. WTA Board – Paul Greenough reported – the monthly meetings start this Thursday at 8:00am at the WTA headquarters, and the next meeting will meet on May 18, 2017, at the County Courthouse in Bellingham.
4. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported – the meeting times have changed.
5. Senior Center Liaison – Dennis Olason reported – the annual “Tea in the Garden” occurred on May 7, 2017; there is a concern about homelessness and homeless people entering the building; and questions were raised about the wording on the Senior Center sign.
6. Library Committee – Dennis Olason reported – There was an email from Sandra regarding the Birch Bay Library; the purchase of land by the Port of Bellingham was reviewed at the last PW Advisory Committee meeting; and there was discussion regarding Marine Drive.
7. Whatcom Council of Governments – Harry Robinson reported – there is a meeting this Wednesday.

**H. CALENDARS**

Tuesday, May 9, 8 am - Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee meeting  
Thursday, May 11,

9:30am – Park and Cemetery Board meeting  
Canceled – Planning Commission meeting  
Thursday, May 18, 6 pm - Planning Commission Training – Meeting  
Management Training - City Council and Park and Cemetery Board  
Invited  
Monday, May 22, 6 pm - City Council meeting  
Thursday, May 25, 7 pm - Planning Commission meeting and Public Hearing –  
Drayton Reach Phase II PUD, Shoreline & Plat Variance

**I. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Robinson was impressed with the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony.

**J. ADJOURNED: 6:50 PM**

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Harry Robinson, Mayor

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Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk

Council minutes for May 8, 2017, to be approved at the May 22, 2017, council meeting