

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, September 24, 2018

6:00 PM

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

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSON TO EXCUSE CHARLIE HAWKINS, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 5-0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MEG OLSON TO EXCUSE ERIC DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 5-0.

STAFF: Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Chief of Police Allen Schubert, City Attorney Jon Sitkin, Acting Community Development Services Director Alex Wenger, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, and Community Planner 1 Andrew Boucher.

B. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sign-up/Comment Sheet located in Council Chambers before Meeting

1. Debbie Farmer, Blaine Library, regarding the library's upgraded lights, September is library card sign-up month, discussion on meeting room uses, baby story time is a new program at the library, and the library will be hosting an open house on November 4, 2018.
2. Dr. Marta Kazymyra, regarding her and her husband's medical clinic.

C. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Hollander – regarding the *August Monthly Chief's report*.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated September 11, 2018, from Ravyn Whitewolf, regarding the Capital Improvement Plan.
2. Email dated September 18, 2018, from Michael Jones, regarding a radio news story on cross-border shopping and mailbox stores.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$291,029.10

2. Approval of September 10, 2018, Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEG OLSON, AND APPROVED 5-0.

F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Creating a downtown redevelopment project ad hoc subcommittee of the City Council – Presented by Samuel Crawford.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSEN TO CREATE AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED (4 – 0; COUNCILMEMBER RULE RECUSED HERSELF).

2. Ordinance 18-2914, Amending Blaine Municipal Code Title 5.06, Business Licenses and Registration, establishing a definition for “Engaging in Business,” as well as a model business license threshold – Presented by Samuel Crawford.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-2914, AMENDING BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE 5.06, “BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGISTRATION,” SUBJECT TO FINAL REVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, AND SECONDED BY MEG OLSON.

City Attorney Jon Sitkin addressed Mayor Onyon’s inquiry about the intent of the threshold language in the Ordinance.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 5 – 0.

3. Resolution 1718-17, Amending Resolution 1604-12, adding Council Rules of Procedure Rule 37, “Filling Council Vacancies.” – Presented by Samuel Crawford.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1718-17, AMENDING RESOLUTION 1604-12, ADDING COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE RULE 37, “FILLING COUNCIL VACANCIES,” SUBJECT TO FINAL REVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 5 – 0.

G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

No reports were given.

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works
 - a. Sam Castro reported on the article on Hughes Avenue, union strikes that are impacting agencies statewide, water main repairs, the Lincoln Park illumination project, the cemetery niche wall, landscaping at the police station, library, and the Banner Bank building, and emergency preparedness and support functions.
2. Community Development

- a. Alex Wenger gave a PowerPoint presentation on Lincoln Park disc golf vegetation management.
- 3. Police Department
 - a. Chief Schubert reported on updates regarding the Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program (LEMAP), the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program, and police related downtown initiatives. For LEMAP, policies will be prioritized and updated on three criteria: officer safety, City liability, and community transparency. Regarding the SRO program, the discussion of emergency protocols in the event of a lockdown occurred. Officer Cooper will be giving presentations in every classroom starting in October. In terms of downtown initiatives, Officer Farrer filmed a video on counterfeit money with the General Manager of Rawganique. This video will be posted on the City's Facebook page as part of the Police Department's pilot video for improving police/community relationships.

I. 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, September 27 *CANCELED*
7 pm - Planning Commission

Thursday, October 4 *CANCELED*
10 am - Public Works Advisory Committee
Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Monday, October 1
4 pm – 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Study Session

Monday, October 8
5 pm – Study Session
6 pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 9
8 am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 11
9 am – Park and Cemetery Board meeting
7 pm – Planning Commission meeting
Public Hearing – Lil' Sprouts – Variance
Public Hearing – Peace Arch Montessori – Conditional Use

Monday, October 22
5 pm – Study Session
6 pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, October 25
7 pm - Planning Commission

J. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Council requested to have a Study Session on solar energy in Blaine.

K. Council convened in executive session at 7:02 PM, for 15 minutes, to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(I), with no action to be taken.

Council reconvened in regular session at 7:14 PM, with no action taken.

L. ADJOURNED: 7:14 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

City Council minutes for September 24, 2018, were approved at the October 8, 2018, Council meeting.