

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, October 8, 2018

6:00 PM

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

- A. STUDY SESSIONS: 5:00pm – Council Chambers Audio System
5:15pm – Code Enforcement Report
5:45pm – Planning Commission Interview**
- B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO EXCUSE STEVE LAWRENSON, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 4 – 0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO EXCUSE MARY LOU STEWARD, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 4 – 0.

- C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
1. Christina Winkler, regarding the Centennial Celebration for the Peace Portal Memorial.
- D. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
1. North Whatcom Fire Update was handed out to Council.
- E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
1. A letter was handed out at the Council meeting from Christina Winkler regarding the Centennial Celebration for the Peace Portal Memorial
- F. GATEWAY PROPERTY MARKETING REPORT – Presented by Mike Kent**
1. Mike Kent reviewed the recent interests in the Gateway property, as well as emphasizing the importance of job creation and economic activity. The new tariffs may be encouraging businesses to relocate to the United States.
- G. CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$188,096.48, Wire Register: \$315,451.77
Advance Payment: \$50,834.83
 2. Approval of Payroll: \$556,213.29

3. Approval of September 24, 2018, City Council Minutes
4. Approval of October 1, 2018, Study Session Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 4 – 0.

H. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 18-2918, repealing Title 2.88 of the Blaine Municipal Code to Dissolve the Blaine Economic Development Advisory Committee – presented by Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND PASS ORDINANCE 18-2918, REPEALING TITLE 2.88 OF THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO DISSOLVE THE BLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 4 – 0.

2. Appointment to the Planning Commission.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE TOM HAMMERHAND TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 3 – 1 (DAVIDSON).

I. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. No reports were given.

J. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works
 1. Ravyn Whitewolf reported on the Public Works Department reorganization, the East Blaine infrastructure grant, a street tree will be removed near the Starbucks, there will be some new landscaping near the Library and Police Department, and there was discussion on the Department of Ecology's new rules on clean water.
2. Community Development Services
 1. Alex Wenger reported on development activities which included a report on projects on Marine Drive, the building permit for the Portal Way Business Park, H St. Plaza building project is going well, Seasmoke continues to build out, and other projects were discussed. Alex Wenger also reported on the successful Rawganique Ribbon Cutting.
3. Police Department
 1. Police Chief Schubert discussed the agreement with the School District for the School Resource Officer (SRO), as well as including an agenda item for the next Council meeting regarding the addition of a police officer.
4. City Manager
 1. Michael Jones gave an update on the Gateway Property, the Downtown Residential Jumpstart Committee, and the projects Michael has been working on over the past several 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.

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

Friday, October 12

8 am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Monday, October 15

5 pm – 2019 Budget Study Session

Monday, October 22

5 pm – Study Session

6 pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Property Tax Public Hearing

Thursday, October 25

7 pm - Planning Commission

Thursday, November 1

10 am - Public Works Advisory Committee

Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Charlie Hawkins discussed Council and Planning Commission pay.

M. ADJOURNED: 6:55 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

City Council minutes for October 8, 2018, were approved at the October 22, 2018, Council meeting.