

**CITY OF BLAINE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, June 10, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

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

- A. STUDY SESSION: 5:41 PM – Lincoln Park Disc Golf Adaptive Management Report**
- PRESENT:** Jaime Arnett, Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.
- STAFF:** City Manager Michael Jones, Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, and Community Planner I Andrew Boucher.
- B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL:  
COUNCILMEMBERS: Jaime Arnett, Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.
- STAFF:** City Manager Michael Jones, Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, and Community Planner I Andrew Boucher.
- C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
1. Jodi Greene, regarding downtown housing and police department staffing.
- D. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**
1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Herschel Rostov reported on the June 2019 *The Responder* handout.
- E. PRESENTATION – BELLINGHAM-WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSION ON SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Presentation by Susan Marks**
- F. PRESENTATION – HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER – Report by Christina Winkler**
- G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
1. Email dated May 29, 2019, from Suzanne McIntosh, regarding her interaction with a Blaine police officer.
  2. New. Email dated June 7, 2019, from Bill Becht, regarding the All Aboard Washington Rail meeting.
  3. New. Letter dated June 7, 2019, from Owen, regarding barriers on sidewalks.

**H. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Voucher Memo:  
Approval of Bills: \$221,158.35, Wire Register: \$1,586,248.15
2. Approval of Payroll: \$602,379.78
3. Approval of May 28, 2019, City Council Minutes

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

**I. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consideration of an employment contract for Donnell Tanksley – presented by Michael Jones.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

2. Resolution 1760-19, declaring an emergency in the City’s Wastewater system, waive competitive bidding requirements, and authorizing staff to immediately pursue repairs to Lift Station 10 – presented by Sam Castro.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1760-19, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY’S WASTEWATER SYSTEM, WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO IMMEDIATELY PURSUE REPAIRS TO LIFT STATION 10, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

**J. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

1. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – Steve Lawrenson reported that there will be a meeting a June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
2. Blaine Chamber of Commerce – Steve Lawrenson reported that the Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, and they are working on their new website.
3. Senior Center Liaison – Mary Lou Steward – reported on the Senior Center Board elections as well as their new website. She also reported on the Senior Center friendship day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July pancake breakfast. The Harvest Fair will replace the Christmas Bazaar and it will occur on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**K. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Public Works – Sam Castro reported on the work being done on well field, and the Gateway storm project went out to bid last week. Blossom, the developer for Grandis Pond development project, backed out of participating in the East Blaine infrastructure grant. The Public Works Department is also soliciting bids for the work being done at the Library. There have also been some issues with the HVAC system at the Banner Bank building, and the City is on track to receive \$2.2 million in FEMA funding.
2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on Debbie Harger’s retirement announcement. Stacie and Building Official Tim Woodard have been working on improving the online permitting system. Bordertown Mexican Grill has moved into their permanent location and the Community

Development Services Department recently approved the commercial design review for the remodel of the old grocery store downtown.

**L. 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.

Tuesday, June 11

8am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 13

9am – Park and Cemetery Board

Thursday, June 13

2pm – Public Works Advisory Committee

Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Thursday, June 13

7pm – Planning Commission

Monday, June 24

6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Public Hearing: 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Thursday, June 27

7pm – Planning Commission

Thursday, July 4

City Offices Closed – 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Monday, July 8

6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Tuesday, July 9

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**M. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**

1. Alicia Rule asked the Public Works Department to take another look at having a crosswalk at Cherry Street and Mitchell Avenue.
2. Alicia Rule encouraged the Police Department to take up the County on their lethality assessment training.

3. Charlie Hawkins reported on the trees that are blocking the views along the rail road on Peace Portal Drive, as well as the black berry bushes near Chada Thai that are blocking views.
4. Charlie Hawkins inquired about working with Whatcom County to institute a hunting ban on Drayton Harbor.

**N.** Council convened in executive session at 6:53 PM, for 10 minutes, extended five minutes, to discuss 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 7:08 PM, with no action taken.

**O. ADJOURNED: 7:08 PM**

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Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

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Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for June 10, 2019, were approved at the June 24, 2019, Council meeting.