

**CITY OF BLAINE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, September 23, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

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

- A. STUDY SESSION: 5:00 PM** – Resolution, Ordinance, and Blaine Municipal Code updates – Presented by Samuel Crawford.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Jaime Arnett, Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.

**STAFF:** City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, and Office Specialist Megan Shoemaker.

- 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 Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Lt. Ryan King, Assistant Public Works Director Sam Castro, and Office Specialist Megan Shoemaker.

- C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sign-up/Comment Sheet located in Council Chambers before Meeting  
*There was no audience participation.*

- D. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Hollander reported on recent events and statistics.

- E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Email dated September 19, 2019, from Mayor Onyon, regarding Don Goldberg and his role in bringing a medical facility to Blaine.

- F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Voucher Memo:  
Approval of Bills: \$380,596.09  
Advanced Payment: \$6,700.00
2. Approval of September 9, 2019, City Council Minutes
3. Approval of September 12, 2019, Special City Council Minutes.

4. Resolution 1771-19, Amending Resolution 1405-05, referencing RCW 42.17 and updating to RCW 42.56 documents and indexes to be made public.
5. Resolution 1772-19, Amending Resolution 1317-01 appointing the Finance Director as the agent to receive claims against the City of Blaine, Washington, under Chapter 4.96 RCW.
6. Resolution 1773-19, Repealing Resolution 1133-96 and closing the Community Economic Development Change Fund of \$25.
7. Resolution 1774-19, Amending Resolution 979, Fair Housing
8. Resolution 1775-19, Repealing Resolution 957, regarding presentation of business before the Blaine City Council.
9. Resolution 1776-19, Repealing Resolutions 1401-05 and 1404-05 relating to exempt and non-exempt public records.
10. Resolution 1777-19, Declaring certain vehicles to be surplus property.

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

**G. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Resolution 1768-19, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Blaine, Washington, establishing priorities for 2020 budgeting and programs – Presented by Samuel Crawford.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO AMEND OPTION B FOR RESOLUTION 1768-19, TO STRIKE “ENDEAVOR TO CONSIDER” UNDER GREEN PRACTICES AND REPLACE WITH “PRIORITIZE”, AND TO STRIKE “MULTIFAMILY HOUSING” UNDER HOUSING AND REPLACE WITH “RENTAL HOUSING.” THE AMENDED RESOLUTION WAS SECONDED BY JAIME ARNETT, AND APPROVED 6-1 (Davidson).**

2. Ordinance 19-2933, Repealing Ordinance 94-2141, Blaine Municipal Code Chapter Title 2, Chapter 2.94 Personnel Rules and Policies – Presented by Samuel Crawford.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 19-2933, REPEALING ORDINANCE 94-2141, BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.94 PERSONNEL RULES AND POLICIES, SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSEN, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

3. Ordinance 19-2934, Repealing Blaine Municipal Code 2.78 – Airport Manager – Presented by Samuel Crawford.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 19-2934, REPEALING BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE 2.78 – AIRPORT MANAGER, SECONDED BY JAIME ARNETT, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

4. Purchase Agreement In Lieu of Foreclosure for 665 Peace Portal Way – Presented by Jon Sitkin.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO AUTHORIZE  
THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE FOR 665 PEACE PORTAL  
WAY, SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

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

1. Port of Bellingham Marine Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported on the meeting that happened a week ago.
2. WTA Board – Eric Davidson reported on the potential of having WTA services at the new Family Care Network medical site.
3. Small Cities Partnership – Bonnie Onyon reported the new jail proposal and the Port of Bellingham small cities grant program.
4. North Sound Transportation Alliance (NTSA) – regarding trains – Bonnie Onyon reported on regional rail service. Representatives from BNSF and WDOT were present.
5. Cities on Tap – Mayor Onyon encouraged Councilmembers to go to AWC's Cities on Tap event.

**I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. City Attorney – Jon Sitkin reported on the Gateway stormwater pond LID, as well as the status of the sale agreement with White-Leasure Development Company for five acres of the Gateway property.

**J. 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 26  
6pm – Planning Commission  
Woodberry PUD Master Plan Review

Tuesday, October 8  
8am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC)

Thursday, October 10  
9am – Park and Cemetery Board

Thursday, October 10  
10am – Public Works Advisory Committee  
Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Thursday, October 10  
6pm – Planning Commission

Monday, October 14  
6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Thursday, October 24  
6pm – Planning Commission

Monday, October 28

6pm – Regular City Council meeting

**K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Councilmember Rule reminded Council and the audience of the Lummi Nation event on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- L.** Council convened in executive session at 6:50 PM, for 20 minutes, extended 10 minutes, to review the 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 7:20 PM with no action taken.

**M. ADJOURNED: 7:20 PM**

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Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

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Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for September 23, 2019, were approved at the October 14, 2019, Council meeting.