

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 28, 2016

6:00 PM

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

A. STUDY SESSION – 4:01 PM – 2017 Budget

PRESENT: Charlie Hawkins, Paul Greenough, Steve Lawrenson, Dennis Olason, Bonnie Onyon, and Mary Lou Steward.

ABSENT: Harry Robinson.

STAFF: City Manager David Wilbrecht, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Community Development Services Director Michael Jones, Public Safety Director Mike Haslip, Court Administrator Raylene King, and Deputy City Clerk Samuel Crawford.

Council convened in closed session at 4:02 PM for fifteen minutes to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(1)(4).

Council reconvened in study session at 4:17 PM

Following the Council study session on the 2017 budget, Council convened in closed session at 4:57 PM for thirty-one minutes to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(1)(4).

Council reconvened in study session at 5:28 PM.

ADJOURNED - 5:28 PM.

B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02PM.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Charlie Hawkins, Paul Greenough, Steve Lawrenson, Dennis Olason, Bonnie Onyon, and Mary Lou Steward.

ABSENT: Harry Robinson.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL GREENOUGH TO EXCUSE HARRY ROBINSON, SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSON, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

STAFF: City Manager David Wilbrecht, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Public Safety Director Mike Haslip, Community Development Services Director Michael Jones, Assistant Public Works Director Bill Bullock, and Deputy City Clerk Samuel Crawford.

C. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. The Blaine Builder Award was presented to June Auld by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Greenough in recognition of her services.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. Kathy McDevitt, 7476 Sunset Drive, Birch Bay, regarding purchasing food in Blaine and Cost Cutter's lease.

E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated November 15, 2016, from Craig Stellpflug, regarding speeding traffic and speed control signs.
2. Emails dated November 16, 2016, from City Staff, regarding the Craig Stellpflug email received on November 15, 2016.

F. PUBLIC HEARING -

1. 2017 Property Tax Levy – continued from November 14, 2016.

At 6:19 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Greenough opened the public hearing to receive testimony. No testimony was given.

At 6:19 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Greenough closed the public hearing.

2. 2017 Budget – continued from November 14, 2016.

At 6:19 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Greenough opened the public hearing to receive testimony. No testimony was given.

At 6:20 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Greenough continued the public hearing to 6:00 PM on December 12, 2016.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Bills - \$1,037,024.93
2. Approval of Council Study Session Minutes for November 14, 2016
3. Approval of Council Minutes for November 14, 2016

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 6 – 0.

H. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 1695-16, Fixing the Time for Public Hearing on a Petition to Vacate – NW Land Co. Blaine LLP – presented by Bill Bullock.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1695-16, FIXING THE TIME (JANUARY 9, 2017) FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION TO VACATE CERTAIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY SOUTH OF GEORGIA STREET, BETWEEN MITCHELL AVENUE AND GARFIELD ROAD ADJACENT TO PARCEL 400106158222. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSON.

Council and staff discussed vacation processes. Bill confirmed that the individual is only requesting to vacate a portion of the street. Council stated concerns over parking and staff advised they would look into it.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 5 – 0 - 1, (Dennis Olason abstained).

2. Ordinance 16-2892, Adopting the 2017 Property Tax Levy – presented by Jeffrey Lazenby.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 16-2892, RELATING TO THE SETTING OF THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR 2017 AND SETTING FORTH THE INCREASE FOR THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS.

Council inquired about the impact of the property tax levy and staff advised that a property with an assessed value of two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars would experience an increase of three dollars and fifty-two cents per year in property tax.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 6 – 0.

I. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Economic Development Advisory Committee – David Wilbrecht reported – the next meeting will be on the 6th of December.
2. Blaine Chamber of Commerce – Bonnie Onyon reported – there will be a meeting next Wednesday.
3. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported – there will be a “Shell-ebration” event on December 16th.
4. Library Committee – Dennis Olason reported – the committee is waiting for the results of the Birch Bay library survey.
5. Senior Center Liaison - Dennis Olason reported – the Senior Center Christmas Bazaar is the first week of December.

6. Public Works Advisory Committee – Bill Bullock reported – the committee is discussing the 2017 Public Works budget, as well as the traffic impact fee policies and applications. Next week they will be talking about urban street guidelines and crosswalk policies.
7. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Hollander reported – council was provided with copies of the Monthly Chief’s Report and Chief Hollander addressed items in the report.

J. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – Bill Bullock reported:
 - a. Project Updates - Mitchell Ave. was a successful project that was completed a couple of weeks ago; the Hughes Ave. project was recently awarded \$525,000 in TIB which completes the funding to rehabilitate that road; Well 5.1 should be completed by December.
2. Public Safety – Chief Haslip reported:
 - a. Update - A couple of officers have advised they will be retiring in 2017; PD has completed their annual active shooter training with Blaine School District and Blaine Border Patrol station; there is a new reserve officer; the drug take back program is proceeding well and it will be a permanent service program; Santa is coming to town this weekend which means ACS will be involved in the festivities; and Council reminded Chief Haslip of the December 14th training on scams at the Senior Center.
3. City Manager – David Wilbrecht reported:
 - a. VACIS Update - Dave Wilbrecht discussed his meeting with Congresswoman DelBene regarding the VACIS. Dave mentioned there may be a new system in place in the next five years. Council discussed with staff the possible alternatives to help communicate to the public the status of incoming trains. Council inquired about escape routes on Hughes, and staff confirmed that the City does have emergency access.
4. Calendars:
 - Thursday, December 1, 10 am - Public Works Advisory Committee meeting
 - 7 pm – Planning Commission meeting – Comp Plan Update Review
 - Monday, December 5, 1:30 pm - Council Study Session – 2017 Budget
 - Tuesday, December 6, 3 pm - Blaine Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting
 - Thursday, December 8, 9:30 am – Park and Cemetery Board meeting
 - 7 pm - Planning Commission meeting
 - Monday, December 12, 5 pm – Study Session – 2017 Budget
 - 6 pm – City Council meeting
 - Tuesday, December 13, 8 am - Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee meeting
 - Thursday, December 22, 7 pm - Planning Commission meeting

Monday, December 26, city offices will be closed in observance of
Christmas
Tuesday, December 27, TBD - City Council meeting to approve payables

K. ADJOURNED: 6:51PM

Harry Robinson, Mayor

Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk

Council minutes for November 28, 2016, to be approved at the December 12, 2016, council meeting.

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