

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, October 22, 2018

6:00 PM

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

- A. STUDY SESSION: 5:30 – MRSC Small Works and On-Call and Vendor Roster
5:45 – Police School Resource Officer 2018 Funding Budget
Amendment**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, and Alicia Rule.

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford.

- B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, and Alicia Rule.

ABSENT: Eric Davidson, Meg Olson, and Mary Lou Steward.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSON TO EXCUSE MEG OLSON FOR THIS MEETING AND THE ONE ON OCTOBER 8, 2018, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 4 – 0.

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

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

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Chief of Police Allen Schubert, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, Acting Community Development Services Director Alex Wenger, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. Dennis Olason, 860 Georgia Street, regarding the Whatcom County Health Department's assessment handout, the availability of health clinics in Blaine, and the political flyers that candidates mail out.

D. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Hollander reported on the Monthly Chief's Report.

E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated October 8, 2018, from Dennis Olason, regarding the Blaine Health Assessment.
2. Email dated October 11, 2018, from Dean Berkeley, regarding moving the Customs and Border Patrol and BNSF Inspection Station.
3. Email dated October 11, 2018, from Dean Berkeley, regarding Rich Bosman.
4. Letter dated October 12, 2018, from Joel Douglas, regarding Veterans Assistance Fund.
5. Email dated October 15, 2018, from Mayor Onyon, regarding the shooting incident in Birch Bay.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$155,025.62
2. Approval of October 8, 2018, Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of October 15, 2018, Study Session Minutes
4. Interlocal Agreement with Birch Bay Water and Sewer District for shared professional service and water conservation costs.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 4-0.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2019 Revenue and Property Tax Levy – presented by Jeffrey Lazenby

Mayor Onyon opened the public hearing at 6:25 PM for public testimony:

1. Dennis Olason, 860 Georgia Street, regarding the penny per gallon gas tax and the Enterprise fund.

The public hearing was closed at 6:26 PM.

H. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 1743-18, authorizing the City Manager to sign the MRSC Roster Contract – presented by Ravyn Whitewolf.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1743-18, MRSC ROSTERS MODEL SMALL PUBLIC WORKS, CONSULTANT, AND VENDOR ROSTERS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE MRSC ROSTER CONTRACT, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 4 – 0.

2. Ordinance 18-2919, amending the 2018 Budget to authorize one additional Police Department full time equivalent position – presented by Chief Schubert.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSEN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 18-2919, AMENDING THE 2018 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND 001, TO AUTHORIZE ONE ADDITIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME OFFICER POSITION, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 4 – 0.

3. Award Contract to Dimensional Communications, Inc. for Council Chamber Audio Equipment – presented by Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,971.75, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 4 – 0.

I. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Whatcom Council of Governments – Michael Jones reported – a survey was conducted that reviewed all border crossings in Whatcom County except for Point Roberts.

J. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – Ravyn Whitewolf reported on the first phase of the Public Works department reorganization. The East Blaine Infrastructure grant with the Department of Commerce was discussed, and Ms. Whitewolf is requesting an additional \$400,000 for sewer infrastructure in East Blaine.
2. Community Development Services – Alex Wenger reported on the Park and Cemetery Board meeting time, as well as the name of the board. The idea of changing the name to “Park Board” may increase interest in the Board. The Board is also considering a photo competition for park signs.
3. Police Department – Chief Schubert discussed the new actions that are taking place in regards to the illegal parking on Ludwick and Grant Avenue. There is going to be an open house at the police station on

November 7th. Blaine police will be creating videos with local businesses that will be posted on the City's Facebook page.

4. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the Fern Street rental property which is now vacant, and the house will be demolished in 2019. The Downtown Residential Jumpstart Committee has had two meetings so far to discuss the future of the Old City Hall site, the skate park, and the library. An appraisal has been completed on the properties. The items in the draft 2019 Legislative Agenda handout were discussed.

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 25

7 pm - Planning Commission - CANCELED

Monday, November 5

4:30pm Study Session - General Fund Budget

Thursday, November 8

9:00am – Park and Cemetery Board

Thursday, November 8

10 am - Public Works Advisory Committee

Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

L. ADJOURNED: 7:09 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for October 22, 2018, were approved at the November 13, 2018, Council meeting.