

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 28, 2019

6:00 PM

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

- A. STUDY SESSION: 4:07 PM – Board and Committee Interviews
4:30 PM – Vacant City Council Seat Interviews**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford.

Board and Commission Interviews

4:00 – James Hermsen – Park and Cemetery Board

4:10 – James Kirbey – Park and Cemetery Board

4:20 – Kevin Owens – Planning Commission

Vacant City Council Seat Interviews

4:30 – David Gallion

4:45 – Jodi Greene

5:00 – Colin Hawkins

5:15 – Steven Tojek

5:45 – Jaime Arnett

- B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Chief of Police Allen Schubert, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford, and City Attorney Jon Sitkin.

- C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sign-up/Comment Sheet located in Council Chambers before Meeting

1. Kathy McDevitt, Birch Bay, regarding the Lions Club's offering of hearing aids and a community calendar people are able to purchase.

D. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

1. Blaine Builder Award – Seraida Vazquez

E. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Hollander reported on the December 2018 Monthly Chiefs Report.

F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated January 15, 2019, from Gordon Smith, regarding Building C of the Marin Planned Unit Development Project.
2. Email dated January 16, 2019, from Christopher Taylor, regarding Marin Building C proposal.
3. Email dated January 18, 2019, from Peggy Richter, regarding Marin Building C proposal.
4. Email dated January 18, 2019, from Michael Sennett, regarding an article on birds.
5. Email dated January 19, 2019, from Paul Peterson, regarding his opposition to the Marin Building C proposal.
6. Email dated January 21, 2019, from Rick Beauregard, regarding the Woodberry PUD and Preliminary Plan.
7. Email dated January 22, 2019, from Helen Worley, regarding the Woodberry PUD.
8. Email dated January 23, 2019, from William McNally, regarding the Woodberry PUD.
9. Email dated January 24, 2019, from Sue Hammack, regarding her opposition to Woodberry Development.
10. Email dated January 24, 2019, from Turnberry Wood HOA, regarding Woodberry Development Plan.
11. Email dated January 24, 2019, from April Hashimoto, regarding Woodberry Development.
12. Email dated January 24, 2019, from Judy Bailey, regarding Woodberry Development.
13. Email dated January 24, 2019, from Terry Feist, regarding Woodberry Development.
14. New. Email dated January 26, 2019, from Micki Jackson, regarding Health Care Decisions Day.
15. New. Email dated January 28, 2019, from Ted Jackovics, regarding Woodberry Proposal.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$95,558.06
2. Approval of January 14, 2019, City Council Minutes
3. Approval of January 18, 2019, Special City Council Minutes
4. Approval of contract with Whatcom Humane Society for animal control
5. Ratification of contract with Element Solutions Semiahmoo Spit shoreline repair for post-storm recovery

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

- H. Council convened in executive session at 6:19 PM, for 20 minutes, to evaluate qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h), with action to be taken.

Council reconvened in special meeting at 6:39 PM, with action taken.

Councilmember Hawkins recused himself from the Executive Session due to his son being a candidate for the vacant Council seat.

I. **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Vacant City Council Seat Appointment - *New Councilmember will be sworn in after appointment.*

Colin Hawkins, Jaime Arnett, and Jodi Greene were nominated for the vacant Council seat. City Attorney Jon Sitkin discussed the potential conflict of interest with one of the candidates.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LAWRENSEN TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 5-1 (Charlie Hawkins abstained due to his son being a candidate for the vacant council seat).

ALICIA RULE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JAIME ARNETT TO THE VACANT CITY COUNCIL POSITION, SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSEN, AND APPROVED 5-1 (Charlie Hawkins abstained due to his son being a candidate for the vacant council seat).

Jaime Arnett was sworn in by City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford. Councilmember Arnett took her seat on City Council.

2. Appointment to the Planning Commission.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPOINT KEVIN OWENS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Appointment to the Park and Cemetery Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPOINT JAMES HERMSEN TO THE PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD, SECONDED BY ALICIA RULE, AND APPROVED 7-0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO JAMES KIRBEY TO THE PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7-0.

4. Resolution 1751-19, Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) rules amendment – Presented by Debbie Harger

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1751-19, AMENDING RESOLUTION 1525-09, TO

EXTEND BLAINE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BTAC) TERM LIMITS FROM TWO, 4 YEAR TERMS TO THREE, 4 YEAR TERMS AND REMOVE OUT-OF-DATE TEXT RELATED TO INITIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP TERMS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 7-0.

J. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Boys and Girls Club – Alicia Rule reported that the Seattle Mariners visited the Boys and Girls Club.
2. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported that they are trying to get the State to remove the red closure in front of Drayton Harbor.
3. Library Committee – Mary Lou Steward reported there will be a meeting with the “Friends of the Library” regarding an expansion.
4. WTA Board – Eric Davidson reported they were approved for a grant that would fund 85% for three propane buses.
5. Public Works Advisory Committee – Mary Lou Steward reported there were two guest speakers at the Public Works Advisory Committee regarding the storm response.

K. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – Ravyn Whitewolf reported on the recent windstorm and the damages from it, as well as the emergency preparedness meeting that was held by the Public Works Department and included Police and Emergency Management staff from Whatcom County. She also reported on the status of the FEMA emergency declaration for the December storm.
2. Community Development Services – Debbie Harger presented on the Tourism Plan Update. Julie Johnson from Bounce Box gave a presentation on the new tourism campaign for Blaine; which includes marketing and a tourism website.
3. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on his trip to Olympia with Mayor Onyon and Councilmember Rule to meet with City of Blaine lobbyists and legislators. Topics will include East Blaine Infrastructure grant funding, funding for design study for the grade separation project at Bell Road, fish collecting tax, Senator Ericksen’s prevailing wage bill, 2019 communications plan with Shew Design, the City’s website, and “Coffee with the Mayor and City Manager;” which is going to start up soon and will occur at various restaurants in the City.
4. Police Department – Chief Schubert reported on the King Tide emergency response center which was hosted by the Public Works Department. There’s also going to be a series of neighborhood watch meetings.

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.

Monday, February 11

5 pm – Study Session – Business and Occupation Tax (B&O Tax) Proposal

6 pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Public Hearing: Proposed Business and Occupation Tax (B&O Tax)

Tuesday, February 12

8 am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 14
9 am – Park and Cemetery Board
7 pm – Planning Commission meeting

Thursday, February 14
10 am – Public Works Advisory Committee
Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Monday, February 18
City Offices will be closed in observance of Presidents Day

Thursday, February 21
7 pm – Planning Commission meeting

Monday, February 25
6pm – Regular City Council Meeting
Public Hearing: Proposed Business and Occupation Tax (B&O Tax)

M. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS – Health Care Decision Day Proclamation – City Manager Michael Jones was directed to create a Resolution for Health Care Decision Day. Councilmember Hawkins reported on the gun fire from hunters on the bay.

N. Council convened in executive session at 7:49 PM, for 30 minutes, extended 20 minutes, extended another 20 minutes, to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) and 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 8:59 PM, with no action taken.

O. ADJOURNED: 8:59 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for January 28, 2019, were approved at the February 11, 2019, Council meeting.