

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 25, 2019

6:00 PM

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

- A. STUDY SESSION: 4:00 PM** – 2020 Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) Budget
4:25 PM – 2020 Budget – General Fund Follow-Up
5:00 PM – 2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

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

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

- B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 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, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Chief of Police Donnell ‘Tank’ Tanksley, Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford.

- C. CITY COUNCILMEMBER APPRECIATION** – Jaime Arnett

- D. PRESENTATION** – Police Chief’s report on traffic tickets. Chief Tank and Doug Dahl reported on traffic safety in Whatcom County.

- E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - *This time on the agenda is an opportunity for anyone to speak to the City Council about any topic except items scheduled on the agenda for a public hearing that same day, or items that have had a public hearing and are still under City Council deliberation. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.*

1. Richard Haard, regarding climate crisis.
2. Paula Smith, Madison Avenue, regarding climate crisis.

- F. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Chief Rostov reported on the *October 2019 Monthly Chief’s Report*.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter dated November 15, 2019, from Anika Henry, regarding the new radar signs on Mitchell Avenue.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Voucher Memo:
Approval of Bills: \$992,133.54
2. Approval of November 12, 2019, City Council Minutes
3. Renewal of the Whatcom County Probation Contract

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.

I. PUBLIC HEARING - PLEASE NOTE: Persons speaking on any issue will be allowed five (5) minutes. Additional non-repetitive testimony will be allowed after all testimonies have been heard.

1. 2020 Budget (Continued)

The public hearing was opened for testimony at 6:37 PM.

No testimony was taken.

The public hearing was closed at 6:37 PM.

J. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Whatcom County and the Cities of Whatcom County For The Purpose Of Implementing a Countywide Regional Wayfinding and Gateway Program. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF WHATCOM COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING A COUNTYWIDE REGIONAL WAYFINDING AND GATEWAY PROGRAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JAIME ARNETT.

Alicia Rule expressed her excitement towards the project due to the timing of the matching funds.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 7-0.

K. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Library Committee – Mary Lou Steward reported on the Blaine Library design survey and the library design meeting that will occur on December 10th.
2. Senior Center Liaison – Mary Lou Steward reported on the number of meals served over the weekend.
3. WTA Board – Eric Davidson reported there is going to be a site tour with WTA to try and get bus routes to the new Family Care Network site.

L. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Community Development Services – Stacie reported on the status of the Community Planner I and Community Planner II position hiring process. There will be a Planning Commission public hearing on December 12th on the 2019 docket. Grandis Pond is working on applications.
2. Public Works – Ravyn gave a report on City fleet, the Grandis Pond Street Vacation, Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grants, Holiday Harbor Lights on December 7th, the demolition of the house on Fern St., and a transformer was hit and damaged by an unknown vehicle.
3. Police Chief – Chief Tank reported on the Fair and Impartial Police Training on December 11th in the Council Chambers. Officer Keith Olson completed and earned the certification for the 40 hour crisis and intervention course.
4. Finance – Jeffrey reported on Accounts Payable Debbie Scherck’s retirement.

M. 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, November 25

4:00pm – 2020 Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) Budget

4:30pm – 2020 Budget – General Fund Follow-Up

5:00pm – 2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

6:00pm – Regular City Council meeting

Public Hearing: 2020 Budget

Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29

City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28

6pm – Planning Commission – CANCELLED

Thursday, December 5

6pm – Special Planning Commission Meeting

Public Hearing: 2019 Docket

Monday, December 9

5pm – Study Session – East Blaine Assessment Strategy

5:30pm – Study Session – Water Comp Plan – Fire Flow

6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Tuesday, December 10

8am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) – CANCELLED

Thursday, December 12

9am – Park and Cemetery Board

Thursday, December 12

10am – Public Works Advisory Committee

Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave.

Thursday, December 12

6pm – Planning Commission

Monday, December 23
9am – Regular City Council meeting

Monday, December 25
City Offices Closed – Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26
6pm – Planning Commission

N. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

P. Council convened in executive session at 7:38 PM, for 15 minutes, to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), with no action to be taken.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 7:53 PM with no action taken.

Q. ADJOURNED: 7:53 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for November 25, 2019, were approved at the December 9, 2019, Council meeting.