

**CITY OF BLAINE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 13, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

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

**A. STUDY SESSION: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Board and Committee Interviews**

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

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance *\*\*Please turn off all cell phones and other electronics that may interfere with the sound system\*\**

**C. CITY COUNCILMEMBER OATH OF OFFICE**

1. Garth Baldwin
2. Richard May
3. Mary Lou Steward

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Richard May, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.

**D. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

1. Council Appoint Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem
  - i. Mayor

**MARY LOU STEWARD NOMINATED BONNIE ONYON FOR MAYOR. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE TAKEN. CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO APPOINT BONNIE ONYON AS MAYOR 7-0.**

- ii. Mayor Pro Tem

**ERIC DAVIDSON NOMINATED MARY LOU STEWARD FOR MAYOR PRO TEMPORE. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE TAKEN. CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO APPOINT MARY LOU STEWARD AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE 7-0.**

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

*No one from the audience spoke.*

**F. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

1. North Whatcom Fire Update

**G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. New. Email dated January 6, 2020, from Stacie Pratschner, regarding a proposed building vacancy ordinance.
2. Email dated January 9, 2020, from Izzy Lund regarding story for the Western Front.

## H. CONSENT AGENDA

*Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.*

1. Voucher Memo:
2. Approval of Bills 12/30/2019: \$264,592.04, Wire Register: \$328,040.88
3. Approval of Bills 01/13/2020: \$82,826.05
4. Approval of Payroll: \$612,902.54
5. Approval of December 23, 2019 Regular City Council Minutes
6. Renewal of animal control agreement between the City of Blaine and the Whatcom Humane Society for a five (5) year term at an annual cost of \$7,500. (Lazenby)

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

## I. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment to Park and Cemetery Board

*Postponed until the January 27, 2020, City Council meeting.*

2. Appointment to Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

*Postponed until the January 27, 2020, City Council meeting.*

3. Resolution No. 1787-20, to approve the Muirfield PUD and Preliminary Plat Extension. (Pratschner)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1787-20, TO APPROVE THE MUIRFIELD PUD AND PRELIMINARY PLAT EXTENSION, SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

4. Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Friends of the library, Whatcom County Library District, and The City of Blaine. (Jones)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, WHATCOM COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT, AND THE THE CITY OF BLAINE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

5. Council Position on State Legislative Proposal for Local Option for a Voter Approved Sales Tax for Park Funding. (Jones)

**ALICIA RULE MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS.**

Councilmember Baldwin inquired where the funds from this possible tax would go. Michael Jones stated that it would not go to the Blaine-Birch Bay Parks and Recreation District #2, nor would it go to the City's Park and Cemetery Board. It would go to the district created by the tax.

Councilmember Davidson asked if funding from this tax could go to the cemetery. Michael Jones stated no it cannot.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 7-0.**

6. (Will be voted on after the Executive Session) Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Blaine and Teamsters. (Jones)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE THE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEAMSTERS AND THE CITY, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

7. (Will be voted on after the Executive Session) Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Blaine and International Associations of Machinists (IAM). (Jones)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND THE CITY, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

8. (Will be voted on after the Executive Session) Collective Bargaining Agreement Amendment for 2020 wages between the City of Blaine and Blaine City Light employees. (Jones)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND THE CITY, SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

**J. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

1. City Council Committee Assignments (2019)
  - a. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – (Steve Lawrenson)
  - b. Blaine Chamber of Commerce – (Steve Lawrenson)
  - c. Finance Committee (Steve Lawrenson)
  - d. Boys and Girls Club – (Alicia Rule)
  - e. Port of Bellingham – (Alicia Rule)
  - f. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – (Charlie Hawkins)
  - g. Port of Bellingham Marine Advisory Committee – (Charlie Hawkins)
  - h. Library Committee – (Mary Lou Steward)
  - i. Senior Center Liaison – (Mary Lou Steward)
  - j. WTA Board – (Eric Davidson)
  - k. Small Cities Partnership – (Michael Jones and Bonnie Onyon)
2. City Council Committee Assignments for 2020
  - a. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – Eric Davidson
  - b. Blaine Chamber of Commerce – Richard May
  - c. Finance Committee – Garth Baldwin
  - d. Boys and Girls Club – Alicia Rule
  - e. Port of Bellingham – Alicia Rule
  - f. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins
  - g. Port of Bellingham Marine Advisory Committee – Charlie Hawkins
  - h. Library Committee – Mary Lou Steward
  - i. Senior Center Liaison – Mary Lou Steward
  - j. WTA Board – Eric Davidson
  - k. Public Works Committee – Richard May
  - l. Small Cities Partnership – Michael Jones and Bonnie Onyon

m. Council of Governments – Bonnie Onyon

**K. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the White-Leasure Development Company’s 90 day follow-up, Michael and a couple Councilmembers are going to meet with State Legislators in Olympia in late January, there was an inspection of Old City Hall by Labor and Industries, and City staff will meet with Rud Browne and other staff in early February regarding the proposed Drayton Harbor no shooting zone.
2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on the recording of Bridges Plat, and the Community Development Services Department has already received three building permits for this development. Stacie also reported on the status of the Interlocal Agreement for County-Wide Planning Policies.
3. Police Chief – Donnell Tanksley reported on the upcoming class on February 20<sup>th</sup> for disaster preparedness.
4. Finance – Jeffrey Lazenby reported on the funding status for the Police Department evidence room. A Budget 101 video the City worked on with Shew Design was presented.

**L. CALENDARS**

*Unless noted, all meetings are held at Blaine City Hall, 435 Martin Street, Suite 4000, and are open to the public. Agendas can be found on the City’s website.*

Thursday, January 9  
9:00am – Park and Cemetery Board

Thursday, January 9  
10:00am – Public Works Advisory Committee  
Location: PW 1200 Yew Ave

Thursday, January 9  
6:00pm – Planning Commission

Monday, January 13  
4:00pm – Study Session – Board, Commission, and Committee Interviews  
6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14  
8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, January 17  
9:00am – Special City Council Meeting

Monday, January 20  
City offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 27  
6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

**M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**N. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**

1. Alicia Rule announced her candidacy for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District.

- O. Council convened in executive session at 6:57 PM, for 20 minutes, extended 15 minutes, extended 5 minutes, extended 5 minutes, to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), and to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(I)., with action to be taken.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 7:42 PM with action taken under Action Items 6, 7, and 8.

**P. ADJOURNED: 7:45 PM**

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Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

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Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

*Council minutes for January 13, 2020, were approved at the January 27, 2020, Council meeting.*

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