

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Monday, July 27, 2020

6:00 PM

**Bonnie Onyon - Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem**

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A. CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

B. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

No written communication was received.

C. 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:
Approval of Bills: \$144,234.86
Advance Pay: \$9,322.76
2. Approval of July 13, 2020, City Council Minutes
3. Resolution 1824-20, Confirming Emergency Order EO20-09 Issued by the City Manager regarding public meeting formats. (Jones)
4. Resolution 1823-20, Extending the Expiration Timeline for the Bridges Phase II Preliminary Plat for One Year (New Expiration Date: August 23, 2021). (Pratschner)

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

D. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement Amendment with Family Care Network. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH FAMILY

CARE NETWORK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY, AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Granting the City Manager authority to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for 665 Peace Portal Drive with Nimbus LLC. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO GRANT THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR 665 PEACE PORTAL DRIVE WITH NIMBUS LLC. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Ordinance, 20-2949, providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$6,500,000 principal amount of water and sewer revenue refunding bonds to refund certain outstanding water and sewer revenue bonds of the City and to pay the costs of issuance and sale of the bonds; fixing or setting parameters with respect to certain terms and covenants of the bonds; appointing the City's designated representative to approve the final terms of the sale of the bonds; and providing for other related matters. (Lazenby)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE, 20-2949, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER AND SEWER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS; FIXING OR SETTING PARAMETERS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND COVENANTS OF THE BONDS; APPOINTING THE CITY'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE TO APPROVE THE FINAL TERMS OF THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN AND APPROVED 7-0.

4. Reevaluating Police Annex Expansion Funding. (Lazenby)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO DIRECT THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND CITY MANAGER TO NO LONGER PURSUE DEBT FUNDING FOR THE POLICE ANNEX EXPANSION PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 6-1 (RULE ABSTAINED).

5. Considering an amendment to the City's 2020 Legislative Agenda regarding the Bell Road grade separation initiative. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1826-20, ADOPTING THE CITY OF BLAINE'S REVISED 2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN AND APPROVED 6-1 (MAY).

6. Interlocal cost sharing agreement related to COVID-19 health crisis. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL COST SHARING AGREEMENT RELATED TO COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS, THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7-0.

E. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Countywide Governmental Cooperation Meeting – Michael Jones reported on the Whatcom County Council meeting that occurred the prior week. The conversation was on how the communities could create efficiencies amongst each other.
2. Small Cities Meeting Report – Bonnie Onyon reported on the Whatcom ReStart Grant program, the New York Times article on Blaine was discussed in the group, and the County Executive

wrote a letter to the City's Congressional representatives and the Governor's Office regarding the need for funding for border cities. All of the Mayors in Whatcom County signed the letter.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Finance – Jeff Lazenby reported on the Mid-Year Financial Report. The memo is included on the City's website.
2. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the Public Works Director hiring process, as well as the Blaine Library Project.
3. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on the City's Economic Development Programs in Response to COVID-19. These include the H and G St. Plaza dining areas, the Whatcom ReStart grant program, and the City's Rural Economic Development loan. The memo is included on the City's website.
4. Public Works – Bob Hammond reported on staffing, as well as community needs and requests.
5. Police Chief – Donnell Tanksley reported on the Blaine Police Department: Operational Snapshot report. This report can be found on the City's website.

G. CALENDARS

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Monday, August 10
6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 11
8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 13
9:00am – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting

Thursday, August 13
6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

All City offices are currently closed to the public. Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City's website.

H. ADJOURNED: 7:47PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

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