

**CITY OF BLAINE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

*This meeting occurred via teleconference.*

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**Monday, August 9, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

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

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**Masks: The City is following State, CDC, and L&I guidance on the wearing of masks. Members of the audience who are fully vaccinated (per the CDC's definition of fully vaccinated) will not have to wear a mask during the meeting.**

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- 1-888-585-9008 (Toll Free)

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- Conference Room Number: 521-101-670

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:03PM**

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance – *Led by Mayor Onyon*

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS: Garth Baldwin, Sukhwant Singh Gill, Charlie Hawkins, Richard May, Bonnie Onyon, and Mary Lou Steward.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO EXCUSE ERIC DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN, AND APPROVED 6-0.**

**B. POLICE PROMOTION-RECOGNITION – Presented by Chief Tank**

1. Sergeant Skylar Deffinbaugh
2. Sergeant Timothy Richardson

**C. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

1. North Whatcom Fire Update

**D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

*Emails to [citycouncil@cityofblaine.com](mailto:citycouncil@cityofblaine.com) are included under Written Communications.*

1. Email dated July 16, 2021, from Jim Sutterfield, regarding Mike Andes and the City of Blaine.
2. Email dated July 20, 2021, from Michael Jones, regarding County Executive Sidhu's memo to County Council regarding ARPA funds.
3. Email dated July 20, 2021, from Michael Jones, regarding B&O Tax enforcement.

4. Letter dated July 20, 2021, from Travis Brockie, regarding the Lummi Indian Business Council's response to the proposed no shooting zone in the Drayton Harbor area.
5. Email dated July 21, 2021, from Charles Williams, regarding City sign clean up.
6. Email dated July 21, 2021, from Ryan Frodle, regarding City maintenance.
7. Email dated July 24, 2021, from Lyle Bialk, regarding landscape services.
8. Email dated July 24, 2021, from Lee, regarding public property upkeep.
9. Email dated July 26, 2021, from Sam Crawford, regarding OPMA and public meetings.
10. Email dated July 30, 2021, from Bonnie Onyon, regarding a call to action to support the Build America's Libraries Act.

#### **E. 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: \$467,269.87
2. Wire Register: \$310,071.70
3. Advance Pay: \$6,092.00
4. Approval of Payroll: \$624,006.73
5. Approval of July 12, 2021, City Council Minutes.
6. Approval of Finance Director Contract.
7. Approval of Engineering Program Director Contract.

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

#### **F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Ordinance 21-2957, Adopting amendments to the City's Municipal Code by revising Chapter 17.14 to permit work/life units in the Manufacturing Zoning District Subzone B. (Pratschner)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-2957, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE BY REVISING CHAPTER 17.14 TO PERMIT WORK/LIFE UNITS IN THE MANUFACTURING ZONING DISTRICT SUBZONE B. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUKHWANT SINGH GILL AND APPROVED 6-0.**

2. Ordinance 21-2967, Amending Title 2.08 of the Blaine Municipal Code, updating provisions related to boards, commissions, and committees, and providing options for remote attendance at public meetings if approved by the body holding the meeting. (Crawford)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-2967, AMENDING TITLE 2.08 OF THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE, UPDATING PROVISIONS RELATED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES, AND PROVIDING OPTIONS FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS IF APPROVED BY THE BODY HOLDING THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN AND APPROVED 6-0.**

3. Resolution 1857-21, Rules of conduct for Council, Boards, Commissions, and Committees. (Crawford)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1857-21, RULES OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUKHWANT SINGH GILL AND APPROVED 6-0.**

## G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Charlie Hawkins reported on the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee. He will no longer be a representative for the City of Blaine.

## H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the 2022 budget calendar.
2. Public Works Department – Bernie Ziemianek gave an update on the sewer project.
3. Police Department – Chief Tank
4. City Clerk – Samuel Crawford reported on the audience participation portion of the City Council agenda and plans for adding this back into the agenda going forward.

## I. CALENDARS

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Tuesday, August 10

8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 12

9:00am – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, August 23

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 24

3:00pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 26

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

*Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City’s website.*

- J. Council convened in executive session at 6:55 PM, for 25 minutes, to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(I), with action to be taken after the executive session.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 7:20 PM with action taken.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO DIRECT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY, TO REPAIR RESOLUTIONS 1844-21 AND 1846-21 TO REMAND THE H STREET ANNEXATION PROCEDURAL IRREGULARITIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN AND APPROVED 6-0.**

## K. ADJOURNED: 7:30 PM

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Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

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Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

*Council minutes for August 9, 2021, were approved at the August 23, 2021, Council meeting.*

*Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Requirement: The meeting location is accessible. If you require a special accommodation during your attendance at any public meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office (360) 332-8311 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date you will be attending. Thank you.*

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### **Option A:**

1. City of Blaine Website: <https://www.ci.blaine.wa.us/>
2. Scroll down to the City calendar.
3. Click on the City Council meeting date.

### **Option B:**

1. City of Blaine Website: <https://www.ci.blaine.wa.us/>
2. Your Government: <https://www.ci.blaine.wa.us/54/Your-Government>
3. City Council: <https://www.ci.blaine.wa.us/327/City-Council>
4. On the left side, there is a link to the City Council Agenda.

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