

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

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**Monday, October 11, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

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

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**A. STUDY SESSION: 5:00 PM – 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

1. 2022 Revenues Projections – Presented by Daniel Heverling.
2. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) – Revenues, Expenditures, and Grants – Presented by Alex Wenger.

**B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – If you wish to speak during the audience participation portion of the meeting, please use the “raise your hand” function via Zoom. Instructions on how to do this are at the bottom of the agenda.

1. *None.*

**D. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

1. The October 2021 newsletter was provided to City Council. This newsletter can be found on the City's website.

## **E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Email dated September 30, 2021, from Michael Jones, regarding the CEDS letter to the Port of Bellingham.

## **F. 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: \$227,894.03
2. Wire Register: \$522,936.21
3. Approval of Payroll: \$645,910.56
4. Approval of September 27, 2021, City Council Minutes.

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

## **G. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Amendment to City's Right of First Purchase - Boblett Properties – 1300 Boblett St. *This will occur after the Executive Session.* (Jones/Sitkin)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE RIGHT OF FIRST PURCHASE SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL BY THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME AFTER HIS APPROVAL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 7-0.**

## **H. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

1. Council Reports
  - a. Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board – Bonnie Onyon will postpone this report until a future meeting.
  - b. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Committee – Charlie Hawkins was reappointed to the Committee as a citizen.

## **I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. City Manager – Michael Jones gave a presentation on potential EDI Infrastructure funding for the Workforce Housing Program, as well as discussed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for East Blaine infrastructure improvement. The EDI presentation can be found on the City's website.
2. Public Works Department – Bernie Ziemianek gave a status update on the sewer infrastructure project. Engineering Program Director Gregory Burg gave a presentation on the Lighthouse Point Reclamation Facility Inlet Compactor.
3. Police Department – Chief Donnell Tanksley gave an update on parking revision enforcement which has been in effect for about a month.

## **J. CALENDARS**

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Tuesday, October 12  
8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 14  
9:00am – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting  
6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, October 18  
4:30pm – Study Session: East Blaine Capital Strategy  
6:00pm – Special City Council Meeting: 2022 Budget

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

**K. COUNCIL UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**L. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**

**M. FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION:** – Council convened in executive session at 6:48 PM, for an estimated 15 minutes, to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (I)(iii), and potential purchase of real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(b), with action to be taken under Council Action Item #1.

**N. SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION:** – Council convened in executive session at 7:13 PM, for an estimated 20 minutes, to discuss performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), with no action to be taken.

**O. ADJOURNED: 7:22 PM**

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Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

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Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

*Council minutes for October 11, 2021, were approved at the October 25, 2021, Council meeting.*

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