

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 4, 2007**  
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Botts called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Botts, Councilmembers Cline, McPherson and Olness.

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Bowie and Sorci (Excused)

Staff present were: Rick Luther, City Administrator/Police Chief; Mary Ausburn, Community Development Director; Dan Dal Santo, Public Works Director; Gail Perkins, Policy Analyst and Brenda Streepy, City Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jason Paulsen, former City Administrator expressed to the Council how much he appreciated working with Rick Luther over the past three months and wished everyone at the City the best of luck in the future.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Rick Luther introduced and welcomed to the City Mary Ausburn the City's new Community Development Director and Gail Perkins the City's new Policy Analyst.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Botts introduced Ordinance No. 07-823, relating to sewer rates to the Council and attendees and explained that yearly Soos Creek Water and Sewer District and King County Metro raise their Residential Unit Rate for sewer customers. Therefore, the City is in need of increasing its revenue by the imposition of these new sewer rates in order to meet current obligations to both Soos Creek Water and Sewer District and King County Metro.

Mayor Botts further explained that Soos Creek 2007 Residential Equivalent Unit Rate is \$3.46, which is a 3.8% increase and King County Metro 2007 Residential Unit Rate is \$27.95, which is a 9.2% increase. Based on these new sewer rates the increase for Black

Diamond residential sewer customers served by a single meter to the residence will be \$44.23, which is a \$0.13 increase from 2006. For all other users, including multi-family residences and mobile home parks, served by a single water meter, the sewer rate increase will be \$44.23 for the first unit, plus \$10.00 for each additional unit served by that water meter, plus \$3.73 for each 100 cubic feet of water consumed per month in excess of 750 cubic feet, which also reflects a \$0.13 increase.

Mayor Botts opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. on proposed Ordinance No. 07-823, relating to sewer rates.

No public testimony was heard or read and Mayor Botts closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

**Ordinance No. 07-823** – 2007 sewer rate increase and amending section 13.42.010 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code relating to sewer rates.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Cline and **seconded** by Councilmember McPherson to adopt Ordinance No. 07-823, amending section 13.24.010 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code relating to sewer rates. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (3-0).

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Resolution No. 06-415, In City Forest**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember McPherson and **seconded** by Councilmember Olness to postpone Resolution No. 06-415, In City-Forest to a definite date of January 18, 2007. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (3-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Resolution No. 07-419, Rick Luther Agreement**

Mayor Botts introduced Resolution No. 07-419, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City and Rick Luther for providing Police Chief/ Administrator services to the City.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Olness and **seconded** by Councilmember McPherson to adopt Resolution No. 07-419, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City and Rick Luther for providing Police Chief/Administrator services to the City. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (3-0).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **Public Works – Dan Dal Santo**

Mr. Dal Santo discussed a few issues with the Council one being the VHF radios discussed and approved at the last Council meeting. Mr. Dal Santo informed Council that six handheld radios have been ordered, with the cost being around \$2,500.

Further, Mr. Dal Santo discussed with the Council the two waterline projects that should be finished within the next few weeks, the failure of the City's generator during the last windstorm and phones calls about the clean up of debris caused by the major windstorm and noted that the Utility crew is trying to get this clean up done little by little.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Botts informed Council that on January 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. a workshop has been scheduled on the Comprehensive Plan update.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember McPherson discussed with Council the differences between the King County Stormwater standards and the Department of Ecology Stormwater standards.

Councilmember McPherson further noted that he would like to have a committee review which standards would be best for the City to adopt.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

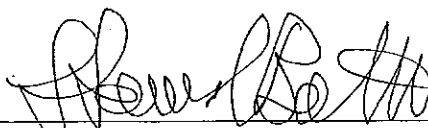
A **motion** was made by Councilmember McPherson and **seconded** by Councilmember Cline to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (3-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

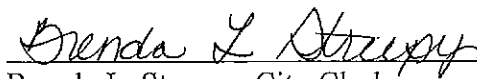
1. **Minutes** – Council Meeting of December 21, 2006
2. **Claim Warrants** – January 4, 2007, No. 29347 through 29350 and No. 29580 through 29622 in the amount of \$51,284.66

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Cline and **seconded** by Councilmember Olness to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (3-0).

ATTEST:

  
Howard Botts, Mayor

  
Brenda L. Streepy, City Clerk