

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Meeting of January 10, 2013
Community Center, 31605 3rd Ave, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Goodwin, May, Benson and Taylor.

ABSENT: None

Staff present were: Chip Hanson, IS Manager; and Brenda L. Martinez, Assistant City Admin/City Clerk.

Mayor Olness welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that on the agenda tonight is a report from Mr. Butkus regarding way-finding signs. She commented that Mr. Butkus took on this task while Interim City Administrator for the City, but was unable to finish it up due to the 2013 budget process. She stated that Mr. Butkus held an open house today at the Council Chambers for folks to come and give input on this project.

Mr. Butkus reported that this project started in 2010 and was put into the 2011 Capital Improvement Plan. He noted the open house held today was regarding the logo to be used on the signs. Nine folks attended and voted. Eight voted for one concept while 1 voted for a different choice. He added his intent is to wrap this up and turn it over to staff to do the bid documents and carry it forward. In addition he added this is capital project so the monies come from capital not the operating budget.

Councilmember Goodwin stated it would be nice to take a short recess to folks in attendance could review the handouts and whiteboards that were used during the open house today.

Mayor Olness announced a 10 minute recess at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Olness asked if anyone from the audience had any questions regarding the way-finding material.

Janie Edelman, Black Diamond thanked Mr. Butkus for what he has prepared and believes our town has needed this for a long time.

Mayor Olness thanked Mr. Butkus for his report and noted that we would be moving on to the open mic portion of the agenda. She explained that everyone will have a chance to speak before anyone is allowed to speak for a second time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cheryl Hanson, Community Center Director discussed the Center's winter closure plan. She stated the Center follows the Enumclaw School District closure schedule and added this is typically what other centers do to – they follow their school districts schedule. She also discussed being an emergency shelter when the power goes out.

Another area she discussed was the King County Solid Waste Plan and the recycling the center does. She noted the Center is committed in doing a better job at recycling.

Dave Amber, Lake 12 expressed that the Community Center is doing a great job and is recycling about 80% and does not feel they could be doing any better with the limited number of staff volunteers they have.

Doug Ernst, Community Center Food Bank Coordinator and volunteer discussed how the food bank operates and explained their recycling program. He noted the Center needs more help if they are going to improve their recycling program.

Leah Grant, Black Diamond, thanked Council for having this meeting. She commented on the food bank she volunteers at and how they recycle their expired food. She also addressed an issue regarding the planning commission and their recommendations to Council. She stated when Council received a recommendation from the Planning Commission and they choose to vote in a different manner there is no conversation or comments from Council of why they did so and would like to see this happen in the future as it gives feedback to the Planning Commission members as well as the public.

Councilmember Benson noted attending Planning Commission meetings and the confusion she had on their voting and that is why she voted the way she did. She felt she had done a lot more research on the issue than the Planning Commission had.

Councilmember Goodwin stated that he would be happy to share with her a paper he has on why the Council wanted this change. He further discussed the issue of gross vs. net and the TRD program.

Erica Morgan, Black Diamond discussed a plan she was able to look at during a Council meeting last year regarding a new fire department. She also discussed a plan for the MDP and it integrating old town and the new development. She stated having a problem with the proposed location of the fire department as it is not on a named street or on a crossroad and is in an area where women and children are walking. She sees the economy moving towards having emergency services provided by volunteers. Noted not having access to any map that shows where the trails in the developments will be located.

Councilmember Goodwin noted that nothing is finalized on this and it has always been envisioned that another fire station will be located in the Villages development.

Bill Roth, Black Diamond asked about cuts made in the budget. Wanted to know how the cuts to the police will affect the response times?

Councilmember Taylor responded that staffing and shifts will be affected by this.

Mr. Roth noted being concerned that the time to respond will be increased if they need back up. He wonders if this was considered during Council deliberations on the budget.

Councilmember Goodwin noted asking Chief Kiblinger if she could make this work and her answer was yes and that is what they relied on.

Mayor Olness discussed a complaint received about the police boat going along the shoreline at Lake Sawyer. She explained this was a mapping exercise utilizing money awarded to the City from the Department of Ecology to generate a map to be used in the preparation of the Integrated Aquatic Weed Management Plan for Lake Sawyer. She further added that in addition to this staff has also been looking at ways to help other city departments obtain needed information as resources continue to decline. Our police force has the ability to use their laptops while out in the police boat patrolling. It was thought to be helpful to have pictures of each dock on the lake so officers know the layout of the dock prior to responding. In addition she noted that gathering this information at the same time was an added bonus and a good use of resources.

Janie Edelman, Black Diamond discussed the recent burglaries that have been going on in this area and folks are being more vigilant about what's going on.

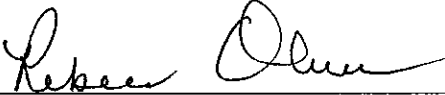
Councilmember Taylor commented that being on the public safety committee he wanted to make folks aware that within the last few days there was an incident with the fire truck. It hit a patch of ice and went in the ditch. Everyone was ok with only minor injuries. He added the truck is being checked out and we are using the backup engine.

Mayor Olness commented that she received an email from Chief Smith and the engine may be out for six months, but the good news is it is insured and with the agreement we have with Fire District 44 we have another engine to be used for back up.

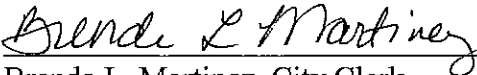
ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Goodwin and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The meeting ended at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rebecca Olness, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk