

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting of February 7, 2019**  
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Deady, Oglesbee, Edelman, Stout, and Wisnoski.

**ABSENT:** None

Staff present: Barbara Kincaid, Community Development Director; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Chief Smith; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

**AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:**

Councilmember Edelman **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

**APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Benson awarded both Community Development Director Barbara Kincaid and Christine Higgins the Mayor's Meritorious Award for going above and beyond in providing customer service to the citizens of Black Diamond.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Oglesbee **moved** to adopt the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Edelman. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – February 7, 2019 – Check No. 47128 through 47194 (void 47139) in the amount of \$200,616.62
- 2) **Minutes** – Council Work Session of January 10, 2019 and Council Meeting of January 17, 2019

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 3) **AB19-003A** – Resolution No. 19-1288 Confirming the Mayor’s Appointment of Richard LaConte to the Planning Commission Position #1

Mayor Benson discussed this agenda item with Council.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 19-1288 confirming the Mayor’s reappointment of Richard LaConte to Position #1 of the Black Diamond Planning Commission; said term to expire on December 31, 2022; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 4) **AB19-011** – Resolution No. 19-1294 Authorizing Professional Services Contract with AHBL for Planning Consultant Services for the MDRT Department

MDRT/Ec Dev Director Williamson reported on this item.

Councilmember Edelman **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 19-1294, authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with AHBL, Inc. for part-time planning services for 2019; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

- 5) **AB19-012** – Resolution No. 19-1295 Awarding Construction Contract with Goodfellow Bros. LLC for the Roberts Drive Improvements 135’ West of Rock Creek Bridge to Bruckners Way

Public Work Director Boettcher briefed Council on this agenda item.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution 19-1295 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Goodfellow Bros. LLC for the Roberts Drive Improvements – 135’ West of Rock Creek Bridge to Bruckners Way project; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

- 6) **AB19-013** – Resolution No. 19-1296 Awarding Construction Contract to South Sound Fencing LLC for Shop Fence and Gate Repairs Project

Public Works Director Boettcher reported on this item.

There was Council discussion.

Councilmember Edelman **moved** to adopt Resolution 19-1296 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with South Sound Fencing LLC for the Shop Fence and Gate Repairs

project and to authorize a \$5,500 contingency fund to cover potential change orders; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Commissioner Ferrell reported on the Lake Holms Association meeting held at Station 95 on January 30<sup>th</sup>. He noted it was heavily attended and was proud of Mr. Williamson and the Mayor who spoke to those residents and answered questions – they represented the Council and staff well.

Chief Smith recapped the calls received since the last Council meeting. There was a total of 37 incidents during that time which equates to 1.7 calls per day. He shared that the 911 call box for Station 99 has been ordered along with the signs. There was an Ad Hoc Committee meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>. The career firefighter graduated on the 24<sup>th</sup> and two new career firefighters started the academy on February 6<sup>th</sup>. He updated Council of the fire apparatus purchase. He noted the volunteer firefighter's graduation will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Station 96. He also discussed the upcoming snow that is forecasted over the next several days and reminded everyone to be prepared.

**Public Works** – Public Works Director Boettcher briefed Council on the public works department's response to the snow events. He discussed the process for how the department is called out and noted their first focus for plowing is on the arterial streets and then later if time allows, they do some of the back streets. Primarily it is areas where it is steeper and hazardous conditions. Local access roads that are wide and flat may not get attention. He discussed that when temperatures are 20 or below that salt does not do any good; salt helps when it is in the upper 20s. He discussed the department is down one person and the crew in place has only one experienced snow plow driver, the Utilities Superintendent Dan Dal Santo. He noted Mr. Dal Santo is training the new employees this week as this is the first opportunity with this kind of weather. He noted it being different to discuss then doing it hands on. One of the new crew members has been trained, but not at the experienced level.

Councilmember Deady noted that she talked with Mr. Dal Santo and how it can be hazardous training new employees and asked the citizens to be patient. She noted that it is not a reasonable expectation that all streets will be plowed – we just don't have the money or manpower for it. She noted the Public Works crew is doing a great job.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Benson shared that she was asked by the City of Maple Valley if the Tri City Meeting could be changed from May 22 to May 29. Council was okay with this change. She reminded everyone that on Friday from 5 – 6:30 p.m. is the Shoreline Management Program Open House at the Lake Sawyer Community Club and the second open house will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the same time and place. She noted that should the open house be cancelled because of the snow it will be noticed on the website. On January 9<sup>th</sup> the Black

Diamond Arts Alliance is having their first major fundraiser at Black Gold Coffee and invited everyone to attend.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Edelman reported attending the SEAL TC meeting where they met with the recently elected 5<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> District officials and attended the Lennar open house. She met with Oakpointe for an update and attended the Sound Cities Association networking dinner. She also shared her experience with a lost dog, which turned out to be her neighbors' dog and gave a shout out to the Police Department for how it was handled.

Councilmember Stout reported attending the Public Work Committee meeting where several items on the agenda were discussed, a Finance Committee meeting where they reviewed the City's checkbook. She commented on the Roberts Drive project and noted this being a wonderful project for the City. She met with Oakpointe leaders to get their vision on what is coming up for this year. She thanked Mr. LaConte for his patience while waiting to open his position on the Planning Commission and also thanked him for wanting to continue in his position. She thanked the Public Works crew for their hard working during this past snow storm and noted the streets she needed to use in the city being navigable.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the Fire Ad Hoc Committee meeting where they talked about the new fire equipment and new fire station. He met with leaders of Ten Trails regarding their future plans and the continuity between Ten Trails and Old Town, the commercial area and the roundabout. He commented on the Public Works crew and the snow removal and noted that citizens need to realize we are not an area that gets large amounts of snow and the equipment is expensive, so it doesn't make sense to have a big fleet that just sits there. He stated the department is doing the best they can with the limited resources and feels they are doing a great job and appreciates all their hard work.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Fire Ad Hoc Committee meeting, Finance meeting, and the Public Safety meeting where they will be coming forward with an ordinance to extend the school zone. She met with Oakpointe representatives and they talked about a grocery store, daycare/Montessori school and the possibility of locating City Hall down to that area along with the Police Department. She stated her personal opinion on that is that locating City Hall there is not a good thing, however she is willing to listen. She also stated her heart says it's moving City Hall away from the core people. She discussed the storm that is coming and the need to check on our neighbors.

Councilmember Oglesbee noted it being a quiet week. She reported attending the Public Safety meeting and they will be bringing an ordinance to Council extending the school zone. She met with Ten Trails and discussed how to blend the communities. She agrees City Hall should be in a more central area as she would like to see more retail in Ten Trails. She encouraged citizens to contact the Council with any questions or concerns they have.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kristen Bryant – Bellevue spoke to Council.

Darryl Buss – Black Diamond spoke to Council.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Edelman **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

The meeting ended at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Benson, Mayor

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk