

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of October 17, 2019
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Oglesbee, Edelman, Stout, Wisnoski, Nelson, and Paige.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Seth Boettcher; Public Works Director; Kevin Esping, Facilities Equipment Coordinator, Chief Smith; and Carina Thornquist, Deputy City Clerk.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Stout. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Citizen Award of Appreciation to Ron Shephard

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to adopt the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** –October 17, 2019 Check No. 48002 through 48045 and EFTs in the amount of \$276,688.49
- 2) **Minutes** – Special Meeting of September 26, 2019 and Council Meeting of October 3, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

3) AB19-052 – Resolution No. 19-1320 Amending Council Rules of Procedure

Councilmember Edelman reported to Council on this item and there was a brief discussion among Councilmembers.

Councilmember Edelman **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 19-1320 amending Council Rules of Procedure; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE – Chief Smith recapped the incidents that happened within the City between October 3rd and October 16th. During that time there were a total of 32 incidents for an average of 2.29 incidents per day. He shared that the City owns 4 defibrillators which are ready to go out within a year. They would need to be serviced within the next year or we have an option to purchase new ones. Brief discussion between the Fire Chief and Councilmembers.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/FACILITIES: Kevin Esping reported that the entire staff participated in the Earthquake Shake Out which took place earlier today. Mr. Esping gave an update on the continued IT wiring that's taking place in the Council Chambers.

POLICE: Chief Kiblinger reported on the King County EMS grant opportunity. Would like to get 6 AED's and first aid training kits for all the vehicles. The AED's would be installed in police vehicles that currently do not have them, and then around the community where needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the Black Diamond Community Center Auction event last weekend which made approximately \$5,000 more than last year. She attended the SCATBd (South County Area Transportation Board) meeting last week. They discussed the "Seattle Squeeze" and Legislative agenda on Hwy 18 project. Puget Sound Clean Air reported that cities are now looking at electric cars and motorcycles. She attended the South County Mayors lunch where they discussed King County not prosecuting felony cases and passing them on to smaller cities. Therefore, costing small cities more money. She attended the open house for Curtis Lang at his new office at Four Corners.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Nelson reported he's been busy taking care of his son after his car accident last week. He's been trying to help collect funds to help with vet costs for Black Diamond's previous K-9, Sabre.

Councilmember Paige had little to report since he was on vacation last week. He expressed his thanks to Ron Shephard as well for going above and beyond with his work duties.

Councilmember Deady gave an update on the Black Diamond Community Center and they held the Harvest Moon dinner and auction last weekend. They did receive \$90,000 from King County. They netted \$42,513 which was an increase from last year of \$38,016. She expressed that she would like to see an AED added to the gym for safety. She had jury duty most of last week. She reiterated donating money to help with Sabre's surgery bills. She thanked Ron Shephard for his help in the community which was greatly appreciated.

Councilmember Oglesbee reported that she met with Andy to get updated on Ten Trails and met with Seth to get better knowledge of Public Works and staff duties. She also attended the Harvest Moon dinner and auction as a volunteer.

Councilmember Edelman reported on 10/8 Candidate Forum at the Community Center. On 10/9 she met with Erica Dial who is the CEO of MV/BD Chamber of Commerce and Councilmember for Snoqualmie. SE Area Legislative Transportation Coalition (SEAL TC group) met and discussed next year's Legislative Days, discussed the Hwy 18 construction project; if Police Departments can get on Twitter and put accidents as they happen, that would benefit commuters. She reported Sound Cities Association (SCA) put out a call for nominations for regional board members. SCA has an upcoming networking dinner on October 30th which would be great for the new councilmembers to attend. SEAL TC meeting 1st Tues of month from 8-9am at Covington City Hall and Councilmember Deady asked to be added so she could attend.

Councilmember Stout was out of town last week. She listened to the fire work study since she couldn't attend last week. She said there is still a lot of questions and work that needs to be done in order to move forward. She reported that Planning Commission had two Public Hearings last week and that there still seems to be misunderstandings in the public with the growth of the community and the MPD. She expressed her thanks to the fire department for their assistance with her friends' head on auto accident on Hwy 169 last week.

Councilmember Wisnoski also expressed his thanks to Ron Shephard for his help. He updated on the budget review from earlier this evening. He announced that he won't be able to attend next week's meeting; Mayor Benson and Councilmember Edelman also won't be in attendance.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported that she was advised that the city is eligible for \$4,949. She then turned it over to Attorney Linehan to explain the Resolution of Intent for HB 1406 Affordable Housing Tax Credit. It's the states effort to create a new revenue stream for cities and counties to help address the homelessness and affordable housing in Washington state. They call it a "tax", however, it's more of a "tax credit". There are regulations with how the money is to be spent such as

acquiring/constructing/rehabilitation of affordable housing facilities, or for operation/maintenance costs for these housing facilities. Also, because Black Diamond's population is under 100,000, it can be used for rental subsidies for low income tenants. The only persons allowed to benefit from this money is persons with income levels are at, or below, the 60% level of the city's median income. Mr. Linehan reported on the couple of other options which would be to pool the money through an ILA with a housing authority (SKHHP), however, you do relinquish control to the pool for them to take on bigger projects with the money. A second option would be to implement a "Qualifying Local Tax" and he explained what it entailed and the process. King County has already adopted their resolution of intent and the county will take all the money if the city does not claim its share. Mr. Linehan reported that he was advised a different amount than what Mayor Benson was told. He was told that it could be as high as \$6,200. The duration of the tax would be over 20 years up to \$124,000 over the life of the tax. Even though it's based on sales tax, the legislature put some parameters in place. They are capping the annual money at the 2019 fiscal year amount, no matter how much the sales tax goes up. Extensive discussion of logistics between Councilmembers and Attorney Linehan took place. The consensus from the Councilmembers is this is a good idea to pursue now especially since the tax amount is high at time of Resolution. Budget/Admin/Finance Committee will research more about ILA with SKHHP and reporting requirements to the state. Councilmembers decided that a work-study would be beneficial, and Mayor Benson will make the arrangements for someone from SKHHP to come out and explain things further and answer questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:


Alicia Conces, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None


ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Oglesbee **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.



Carol Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carina Thornquist, Deputy City Clerk