

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Special Meeting of March 29, 2021
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Oglesbee, Wisnoski, de Leon, and O'Donnell.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief, Mayene Miller, Finance Director; David Linehan, City Attorney; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR.

WORK SESSION:

1) Continued Discussion on Fire Service Options

Mayor Benson announced that she has asked Ms. Miller to discuss how property tax works in Washington State.

Below are the topics/highlights of the discussion:

- The difference between Washington State's budget-based property tax process and other states "rate based" property tax process
- King County assessed valuation vs levy rates, and how it works
- Property tax collection and levy rate history
- How property tax rates in Black Diamond vary due to the four different school districts within out city limits.
- Example of what a home valued at \$386,000 in the Enumclaw School District would pay in property tax for 2020
- Review of the levy limit worksheet provided by King County and what models they use to calculate it.
- Possibility of having King County come out to do a presentation to Council
- LID lifts and how those work and timing the for them
- Send Council material from August 20, 2009 presentation on fire services
- Finance Department working on building a model that addresses different scenarios and associated costs
- The need to determine a path for the Mayor to give staff direction to evaluate as time is limited
- What option/options does the Council want staff to investigate

- Suggestion on affordability of a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) and what that would look like.

Following discussion there was consensus to have the Mayor form a team to negotiate a contract with Mountain View Fire & Rescue and investigate annexation and when that would be affordable.

Chief Smith commented his goal is to have the best fire service for Black Diamond. He touched on RFAs and fire benefit charge. He noted that moving forward the best for everyone is to work cooperatively.

ADJOURNMENT:

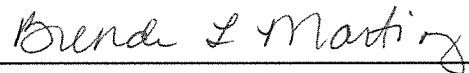
Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

The meeting ended at approximately 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk