

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 18, 2012

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Olness called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 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: May Miller, Finance Director; Andrew Williamson, Executive Director of Economic Development and Engineering Services, Greg Smith, Fire Chief; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Greg Goral, Police Commander; Pete Butkus, Interim City Administrator; Ann Marie Soto, City Attorney and Brenda L. Martinez, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk.

Mayor Olness welcomed Ann Marie Soto who served as the City Attorney for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jill Lund, Black Diamond – spoke on the rumor regarding possibly contracting/out-sourcing police services with the County.

Cindy Proctor, Enumclaw – stated she appreciated Councilmembers Deady and Benson and the other members during budget time; electronic copies of plats.

Cindy Wheeler, Black Diamond – commented on the difficulty Council will have during the budget process and the importance of scrutinizing every item.

Ginger Passarelli, Black Diamond – commented on her disgust on the rumor regarding out-sourcing our Police Department; email communication with Council.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond – commented on folks including their City when testifying; discussed past Council actions.

Tina McGann, Black Diamond – commented on the possibility of contracting Police services with the County and not agreeing with it; article regarding North Bend switching from the County to Snoqualmie for Police Services.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond – commented on it being budget time and the need to look at all avenues and ideas.

Carrie Hildebrandt, Green River Gorge Road – commented on what the Police Officers in our City do for the children and our Community.

Mayor Olness noted that she didn't think it was possible to tear this community more apart than it already is; she noted what we would lose and gave the examples of the DARE program. She added that Black Diamond has successfully provided Police service for the past 53 years; she commented needing to find out what the issue is – is it money, service?

Councilmember Deady noted loving this department as a third generation citizen and does not understand why the Council cannot look at it and asked citizens to bring up suggestions as she has none; she added losing our Fire Department and contracting with another City and know exactly what folks are saying and she loves the Police Department just as much as anyone else and asked citizens to please help them.

Councilmember May stated this is a rumor and does not know where it started or who is spreading it and is amazed a rumor can generate this kind of controversy.

Councilmember Taylor commented he had a pretty good idea of where the rumor started and then discussed a couple of economic studies other communities have had done and noted the public process that would have to take place and reminded folks this is nothing that is seriously being addressed by Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 12-834, confirming the Mayor's appointment of Rachel Pitzel as the City's Emergency Services Director

Mayor Olness reported the Chief of Police currently fills this position and asked that she be relieved of this added duty because in an event she would be needed out in the field. After careful consideration and given the necessary skills and expected duties of the position, Mayor Olness asked Council for their support in confirming her appointment of Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk as Director of Emergency Services for the City of Black Diamond.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Goodwin and **seconded** by Councilmember Benson to adopt Resolution No. 12-834, confirming the Mayor's appointment of Rachel Pitzel as the City's Emergency Services Director. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

Proposed Ordinance No. 12-982, Cemetery Code Revision

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Deady and **seconded** by Councilmember Benson to postpone Ordinance No. 12-982 to a future workstudy. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

Resolution No. 12-835, adopting the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) 2012-2013 Update

Executive Director of Economic Development and Engineering Services Williamson distributed comments received by Mr. Rothschilds regarding the proposed Program; he highlighted a few suggestions that were incorporated into the document; funding comes from Department of Ecology (DOE) Grant, which is going away, and we will need to start address meeting this need in the budget.

Councilmember Goodwin commented that the word will is binding and should modify section 7.3 that the City will work to increase.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Goodwin and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt Resolution No. 12-835, adopting the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) 2012-2013 Update with provision to modify “the City will work to increase” in section 7.3. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Administration – Interim City Administrator Butkus

Interim City Administrator Butkus reviewed with Council draft language for Title 17; he reviewed estimates regarding digitizing existing preliminary plat for Villages, Phase 2; noted there is material in the packet regarding inquiry on use of public facilities for ballot issues.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Olness reported the City hosted the SEARCH meeting October 11th at the Black Diamond Community Center; October 14th headstone cleaning event at the cemetery; Attended October 15th All Partners Seminar on Regional Cooperation during a Storm Event; participated in the Statewide Earthquake drill at City Hall; opening on Planning Commission for 2013 four year term and notice is posted on the City’s website and at other places around town; Workstudy for October 25th cancelled and rescheduled for October 29th in Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.; Workstudy on November 1st at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Goodwin discussed being on the caucus group on how to help Puget Sound with environmental issues; he noted there are 53 municipalities represented and of those 53 about a third have submitted and another third has not submitted and we are in the middle of that group and the accomplishments we have made as a City is to be commended for a job well done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond – commented on past Council looking into contracting with

King County for Police Services; discussed the possibility of adding Maple Valley as a contract City for police services.

Jim Brickwell, Black Diamond – commented on decision being about budget; if we lose the police department we will lose a lot of revenue because people will leave because they won't think it's safe.

Tina McGann, Black Diamond – noted that this was not a rumor and folks can and should be passionate about this; discussed the levy that was passed.

Councilmember Benson commented that she and Councilmember Deady went into City Hall to talk about options as this was their first budget and they needed information about the level of service and what it means for our Police department.

Erika Morgan, Black Diamond – shared it is an inspired decision to have Rachel Pitzel as the Director of Emergency Services; she stated she knows Rachel personally and has worked with her in many capacities.

Ginger Passarelli, Black Diamond – shared an idea that if more folks could get permits around here it would be a good way to increase revenue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Goodwin and **seconded** by Councilmember May to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1.) **Claim Checks** – October 18, 2012 Check No. 38852 through No. 38919 in the amount of \$258,220.69
- 2.) **Payroll Checks** – August 31, 2012 No.17849 through No. 17863 in the amount of \$131,287.74 and September 30, 2012 No. 17864 through No 17888 and ACH Pay in the amount of \$295,611.58
- 3.) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of October 4, 2012 and Workstudy of October 4, 2012

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember May and **seconded** by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

ATTEST:



Rebecca Olness, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk