

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 11, 2013**

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Olness called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Deady, Edelman and Benson.

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Taylor and Goodwin (excused).

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, Executive Director of Engineering Services/Ec. Dev.; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Stacey Welsh, Planning Director; Chief Smith, Fire Chief; Mark Hoppen, City Administrator; Chris Bacha, City Attorney and Brenda L. Martinez, Asst. City Admin/City Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond – commented on the rate increase ordinances tonight and noted growth starting would have helped offset these increases. He also commented on the wanted poster that has been displayed around town.

Robert Edelman, Black Diamond – commented on sending comments to the City regarding the clearing and grading permits and noted the response he received from the City.

Erika Morgan, Black Diamond – noted that in the Fall she commented on forming an Economic Development Task Force. She referred to the Task Force the City of Enumclaw formed and the Task Forces' mission and recommendations to create business for their City.

Mayor Olness noted that there is an amendment to the Rock Creek Bridge project. TIB recommended enlarging the project to include improvements up to the Eagle Creek development. She noted the project as previously stated was too small and would score much better with the added additions.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Proposed 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Plan**

Mayor Olness opened the public hearing at 7:12:13 p.m.

Sean Oglesbee, Black Diamond – commented he had a question on street lights starting at Library to Morgan Street and they are mismatched and wondered why.

Mayor Olness closed the public hearing at 7:15:25 p.m.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Ordinance No. 13-1006, relating to water utility rates; amending section 13.04.280(A) of the Black Diamond Municipal code; implementing a rate increase in years 2013, 2014, and 2015 to meet water service obligations**

City Attorney Bacha reported that tonight is an ordinance at Council's direction to increase the water rates for three consecutive years 2013, 2014 and 2015. He noted the 2013 increase will take affect August 1<sup>st</sup> and the years 2014 and 2015 will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1006, relating to water utility rates; amending section 13.04.280(A) of the Black Diamond Municipal code; implementing a rate increase in years 2013, 2014, and 2015 to meet water service obligations. Motion **passed** (3-0).

### **Ordinance No. 13-1007, relating to sanitary sewer utility charges; amending section 13.24.010 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code; implementing an annual inflationary increase in charges to meet sanitary sewer service obligations**

City Attorney Bacha reported Council's direction at the last meeting was to prepare an ordinance that would have an annual CPI adjustment each January. He noted the revised ordinance before them breaks out the different parts of the rate so it is clear that the CPI adjustment only applies to the base rate, the flow rate, etc.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Benson and **seconded** by Councilmember Edelman to **postpone** to the August 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting Ordinance No. 13-1007, relating to sanitary sewer utility charges; amending section 13.24.010 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code; implementing an annual inflationary increase in charges to meet sanitary sewer service obligations to the first meeting in August. Motion **passed** (3-0).

### **Ordinance No. 13-1008, relating to storm water and surface water sewer utility rates; amending section 14.02.110 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code; implementing a rate increase in year 2014 to meeting storm water and surface water sewer service obligations**

City Attorney Bacha reported that Council's direction was to implement a single rate increase for 2014 to \$16 per ERU per month.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Deady and **seconded** by Councilmember Benson to adopt Ordinance No. 13-1008, relating to storm water and surface water sewer utility rates; amending section 14.02.110 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code;

implementing a rate increase in year 2014 to meeting storm water and surface water sewer service obligations. Motion **passed** (3-0).

## **MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Olness reported attending the following meetings:

- Health Steering Committee – Two worthwhile projects are a result of this networking: Back pack program (joint effort of Kiwanis, Community Center and BD Elementary School) and mental health services available in Black Diamond.
- Miners Day- Very successful event, especially the ribbon cutting at the Miner’s statue.
- Met with Diane Yates, King County staff regarding Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC). Mr. Nix and the Mayor will be attending the Committee meeting tomorrow.
- SCA had a workshop on Public Safety Answering Points consolidation.
- SCA Public Issues Committee –
  - **Legislature-** cities took a real hit. Public Works Trust Fund all but eliminated; drastic cut in liquor revenue to cities. More info to follow.
  - **Solid Waste** – passed the policy position she spoke about at last meeting. The Sound Cities Association supports the Solid Waste Division conducting a full review of options for waste disposal, including waste-to-energy, as part of the upcoming Sustainable Solid Waste System Study and through the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan process.
  - **Regional Water Quality Committee-** recommendation for a policy position to be brought back next month. Councilmember Goodwin is a member of that committee so she will ask him to address that at our next Council meeting.
  - **Flood control District Advisory Committee-** most cities agree with the King County policies that are already set. Preliminary draft stage.
- There have been a few calls regarding possible cases of “Swimmers Itch” at Lake Sawyer. We have contacted King County Health Department, put a notice on our website and contacted the President of Lake Sawyer Community Club so they can issue a warning, should they choose to.

Reminders:

- Next Council meeting will be Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with a Workstudy at 6 p.m. on Building Permit Fees.
- Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> we will have a Workstudy at 5:30 p.m. on CFD. We will also have Council choose their top 5 CIP projects.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Deady commented on following the Mayor of Bonney Lake weekly report that is posted to the Facebook page and would like to have the report Black Diamond does posted to the website. Councilmember Edelman noted this being a good

idea and asked the Mayor to look into this. Councilmember Deady would also like to change the process of Planning Commission members and have that be open to the public and this would also help with transparency.

Councilmember Edelman discussed being at Miner's Day and thanked the Botts and Watson's for all they did for this event and the memorial dedication. Commented on being in the dunk tank and it was fun.

Councilmember Benson attended Miner's Day and commented on the new logo shirt that has been designed for Labor Days.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond – commented on the passage of the rate increase and encourages Council to take a look at utility tax increase.

Andrew Williamson, Black Diamond – spoke on behalf of the Kiwanis Club and thanked the community for the support of their firework stand and noted that 100% of the proceeds benefit kids in the community.

Robert Edelman, Black Diamond – commented the record is clear on the major need to increase water rates- it is due to the excess water purchased from Tacoma.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (3-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

**Claim Checks** – July 11, 2013, Check No. 39716 through No. 39765 in the amount of \$82,301.64

**Minutes** – Town Hall Meeting of May 9, 2013, Tri City Meeting of May 22, 2013, Workstudy Notes of June 13, 2013, Council Meeting of June 20, 2013 and Workstudy Notes of June 20, 2013

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Benson and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (3-0).

ATTEST:



Rebecca Olness, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk