

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of October 15, 2020
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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, Wisnoski, Stout, de Leon, O'Donnell, and Paige.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Seth Boettcher, Public Work Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief, David Linehan, City Attorney; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt the agenda; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 1) **Claim Checks** – October 15, 2020 Check No. 49519 through 49259 and EFTs in the amount of \$500,742.86
- 2) **Minutes** – Work Session of September 10, 2020, Special Meeting of September 24, 2020, and Council Meeting of October 1, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any written comments received are included with the minutes for this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 3) **AB20-070** – Resolution Awarding Low Bid on the Springs North Bank Pump Station Upgrade Project to McClure and Sons, Inc.

Public Works Director Boettcher reported on this item and gave background information on the project.

There was Council discussion with the focus being support for the project.

Councilmember Stout **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 20-1384 awarding the public bid of the North Bank Pump Station Project to McClure and Sons, Inc. and authorizing the Mayor to execute a \$912,306.25 contract with McClure and Sons, Inc. for the North Bank Pump Station project and authorizing a 10% contingency for potential change orders or quantity overruns; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0)

4) AB20-071 – Resolution Awarding the Work for the Roberts Drive Pedestrian Lighting Installation to Transportation Systems

Public Works Director Boettcher briefed Council and noted that this project was put on hold until this fall due to the Coronavirus.

There was Council discussion regarding the safety aspect of this project and also the use of the consent agenda.

Councilmember Stout **moved** to approve Resolution No. 20-1385 awarding the bid for Roberts Drive Pedestrian Streetlights project to Transportation Systems in the amount of \$31,439.70 with an additional \$3,144 contingency fund and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Smith reported that tomorrow at 10 a.m. he will be meeting with the folks who will be working on the new station. He also reported on the earthquake drill that was held today at 10:15 a.m. He shared that on Monday at 10 a.m. he will be meeting with folks who are conducting the fire service study and on the 21st participating in a zoom meeting with those building the new station. He noted that five months from today the building of the new fire engine will start.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for new voter’s ballot box at the Black Diamond Library. She commented on being asked by the Museum to approve their re-opening plan and noted signing off on that today. She added that the Museum will need to use waivers for workers and attendees. She announced that 12 artists from the Black Diamond Arts Alliance have painted a mural of Railroad Avenue and will be bringing it to the Museum and once we move into a new City Hall the mural will be on display there.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember O'Donnell reported signing his official oath of office last and was fortunate to meet with Andy Williamson to get an overview of the MDRT department. He noted quickly learning the high quality of staff we have and how Mr. Williamson gave good examples of looking long-term of how things are built in the development and shared it was exciting to hear. He is hoping to meet with other department leaders to learn what they do so he can support them and to also make sure they have the resources to be successful as we grow. He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the voter's box at the library and looks forward to attending more of those types of events.

Councilmember Paige welcomed Councilmember O'Donnell and noted being glad to have him on board. He shared a PSA - always lift with your legs. He stated that in listening to this meeting it is really exciting to hear all things we are able to get accomplished in this environment of COVID. He noted meeting with Ms. Miller for an update from the Finance Committee meeting he missed.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting, PIC meeting where Deanna Dawson brought up getting legislative agendas from cities. She reminded everyone that the Lake Sawyer Church is planning a Halloween Trunk and Treat where parents can drive their children to various areas in Black Diamond to collect goodies. She noted this is a great way to have fun while social distancing.

Councilmember Oglesbee reported attending the ribbon cutting for voting box at the library. She reported that she had no committee meetings and asked citizens to continue to support local businesses in town.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the Finance Committee meeting last week where they discussed the rates for utilities. He noted his employer did a large layoff and he is counting his blessing. He shared that the inclusivity and welcoming statement is ready for a vote and will be on the November 5th agenda. He stated that October 24 is Make a Difference Day and recommended everyone to find a community event they can help at. He welcomed Bernie to his first full meeting and noted him doing a great job. He commented that Halloween is coming up and reminded everyone to be careful and to be on the lookout for the little ones. He expressed that the local small businesses could use your help so please patronize them.

Councilmember Stout reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting where they continued the review of the Water System Plan and the items on the agenda were discussed. She also attended SCA's Racial Equity and Justice series and worked with the committee members on the inclusivity and welcoming statement – it is not perfect, but feels they did the best they could and looks forward to presenting it in November. She gave an update on the PIC meeting where it was asked for cities to turn in their Legislative Agendas to SCA, emergency management zone changes, PSRC Vision 2050 is almost ready to be approved and noted the City has a vote there. She commented on Tola Marks volunteering to do drone videos for cities and thought it might be nice to have something done and put on the website. Lastly, she commented on having public comments for hearings via zoom and does not understand why we are not doing that during Council

meetings and wondered what the process is to move forward with that. Mayor Benson replied that she will work with the City Clerk on this.

Councilmember de Leon affirmed support for opening up public comments at Council meeting. and welcomed Councilmember O'Donnell. She is interested in what it would look to prepare a legislative agenda and would be happy to work on it especially this year in light of what is going on. She reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting where they reviewed the Water System plan, items from tonight's agenda, and parking issues. She commented that she is looking forward to putting to a vote what the committee has worked on for the inclusivity and welcoming statement. She explained that no document is going to be perfect as this is an aspirational document. In closing, she reminded everyone to be safe.

Councilmember Paige commented on a news story on the air quality of commercial aircraft and noted it being the safest place you can be. He shared that on the negative side you really must study what state restrictions are, so you don't find yourself stuck somewhere. He also expressed agreement with the idea of adding public comments back to a live forum during Council meetings.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk