

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of November 5, 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, and O'Donnell

ABSENT: Councilmember Paige (excused)

Staff present: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; 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 Deady **moved** to adopt the agenda; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – November 5, 2020 Check No. 49260 through 49312 in the amount of \$265,900.70
- 2) **Payroll** – September 30, 2020 – Check No. 20007 through 20014 and ACHs in the amount of \$400,385.45
- 3) **Minutes** – Work Session of October 8, 2020, Town Hall Meeting of October 8, 2020 and Council Meeting of October 15, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Melissa Earl, Lumber House Brewery, Maple Valley spoke to Council.

Alicia Busch, Maple Valley spoke to Council.

Scott Hanis, representing the Teamsters 117 Public Works Unit spoke to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4) **AB20-074** - 2021 Preliminary Budget of Revenue Sources and Possible Increase in Property Tax

Finance Director Miller reported to Council on this item.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m. No public testimony was heard; therefore, the hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5) Consideration of Inclusivity and Welcoming Proclamation

Councilmember de Leon reported on this item. There was Council discussion with Councilmember Wisnoski reading the proposed proclamation.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt this proclamation; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski.

There was continued Council discussion.

Vote: Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 6) **AB20-075** – Resolution Adopting Letter of Agreement with the Teamsters 117 Professional Unit

City Clerk/HR Manager Martinez briefed Council on this agenda item.

Councilmember Wisnoski **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 20-1386 authorizing the Mayor to execute the Letter of Agreement between the City of Black Diamond and Teamsters Local Union No. 117 Professional Unit; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 7) **AB20-076** – Resolution Adopting Letter of Agreement with the Teamsters 117 Public Works and Admin Support Units

City Clerk/HR Manager Martinez reported on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 20-1387 authorizing the Mayor to execute the Letter of Agreement between the City of Black Diamond and Teamsters Local Union No. 117 Public Works and Admin Support Units; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 8) **AB20-077** – Resolution Authorizing Contract with Omega Solution, Inc. for OCourt Software

Judge Swain briefed Council on this agenda item.

Councilmember Oglesbee **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 20-1388 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Omega Solutions, Inc. for electronic case management software services for the City's Municipal Court; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 9) **AB20-078** – Resolution Authorizing Addendum to Valley Communications Agreement for 2021

Chief Kiblinger reported to Council on this.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve Resolution No. 20-1389 authorizing the Mayor to execute an addendum to the agreement for Police Service for Valley Communications for 2021; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 10) **AB20-079** – Resolution Suspending the City's Scheduled Sewer Rate Increase for the Year 2021

Finance Director Miller brief Council on this agenda item.

Councilmember Oglesbee **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 20-1390 suspending the City's scheduled sewer rate increase for the year 2021; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 11) **AB20-080** – Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with The Blueline Group for Design Engineering of the Morganville South Watermain Replacement Project

Public Works Director Boettcher discussed this item.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 20-1391 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the Blueline Group, LLC for the design engineering of the Morganville South Watermain Replacement Project; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

- 12) **AB20-081** – Resolution Authorizing Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. Regarding the 2020 Water System Plan

Public Works Director Boettcher reported to Council on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve Resolution No. 20-1392 authorizing the Mayor to sign amendment #2 to the Water System Plan RH2 contract to address Master Planned Development Review Team comments and other assistance to public works and

appropriated \$20,000 from the Water System Capital Reserves for that effort; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire - Chief Smith reported he's been involved in several meetings with the group who are conducting the fire service study, and also several zoom meetings on the new station. In January eight volunteers and two career firefighters will be graduating from the academy. He noted that the department participated in three trunk or treat events. He announced there will not be a holiday engine this year due to COVID and will try to develop a way to keep the donations coming in. He shared that the Deputy Chief has been on staff for a month. He noted he will be bringing forward the international fire codes for Council adoption in early 2021 and is thrilled about the new watermain in Morganville which will also improve fire flow.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending different Mayor's meetings and where it was discussed what staffing would look in terms of COVID moving forward. She noted some cities will be having employees working remotely until June and even maybe the end of next year. She also reported attending the King County Transportation Board meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Deady reporting attending all her meetings and reminded everyone that the Community Center is gearing up for their December auction. It will be a walk through with a few attendees in the building at a time and expressed to everyone to remember your Community Center still needs funds.

Councilmember Oglesbee reported attending the Public Safety Committee meeting. She talked about the local businesses and brainstorming how we can help them to get through this tough time. She wondered what it would look like to have our own or a staff member tasked with keeping up a webpage related to city businesses and is curious how the council and businesses can work together and highlight those small businesses.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the Public Safety Committee meeting where they met the Deputy Fire Chief. He stated he is glad to have public comments back on the agenda. He discussed remote work and the OPMA and how to use and implement some of the technology tools such as Teams. He commended the Police Department for raising money for the Community Center through their Mo-vember fundraiser. He noted the Museum opened this week and the installation of their new furnace. He touched on his ideas to help the small businesses and gave ideas on doing a monthly business spotlight, a shop small Saturday and suggested doing a work session on this. He commented that

many people are struggling and encouraged people to be neighborly and for the need to remember we have a lot more in common than we do different.

Councilmember Stout reported attending her regular committee meetings of Public Works and Finance. She expressed having an organizational question as she doesn't sit on all the committees and gave the example of the report the Police Chief provided to Council and it had an update regarding the Columbia bank building. She asked if the committee members could bring those items back to the full council to report on so others are not in the dark. She discussed that at the next work session the discussion on the book provided by students from the Enumclaw School district is deferred as the students wanted the Council to read the book first before having the discussion. She shared that she has listened to that book and noted it being meaningful and difficult to listen to. The students are still planning to bring it to us and recommending that Council read this and hopes to schedule a meeting to engage with the EHS students on this.

Councilmember de Leon thanked everyone for the great ideas and recommendations they've brought up and commented on Councilmember Stout's book recommendation. She noted looking forward to being a part of this conversation as it is a sign of the work referred to in the proclamation that was adopted tonight. She discussed the website and commented on being able to talk to the staff on the website committee. She shared that a lot of progress is being made and does feel that the website update is being addressed with the limited staff members. She brought up the need to get the social media policy adopted so that can be part of the website update too. She reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting where they are reviewing the Water System Plan. She thanked Barb for all the work she's done for the city and wished her well at her new location. She also shared having the opportunity to participate in the testing process for the Sergeant position and overall, it was a great opportunity and was impressed by the values of being involved in the community. She discussed having a meeting with the Chief on the police budget. She expressed for everyone to stay safe and keep up with the public safety measures for safety.

Councilmember O'Donnell commented that he is really impressed with this City Council and the employees. He shared that he had the privilege to participate in the Sergeant testing and noted that four of our current Black Diamond officers are looking to be the next Police Sergeant. He noted during the testing they all talked about how important the community is and it came from their heart. He stated that Chief Kiblinger commented to him that she has the best team and he can see that. He wished all residents knew how impressive our police force is. He endorsed the ideas around helping small businesses as it is really important. He noted it being a dark winter for businesses and is behind whatever we can do to help promote them.

Brock Deady gave a shout out to King County and Reagan Dunn for the \$5,000 grant to purchase items for the gym. He noted the equipment that was bought with the grant funds. He noted it was fun to find things to buy to improve our gym. He noted Maple Valley and Covington have formed a committee to study replacing the aquatic center. He discussed how it is being paid for and shared that he has been chosen to be on the citizens steering committee and will represent Black Diamond. He noted the time frame is quick as the recommendation by the steering committee is anticipated to be completed by early next year. He discussed the upcoming schedule for this committee and noted the website citizens could visit should they want to get involved and join that meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Linehan reported on supporting local businesses and any member of his firm would be happy to answer questions as there are legal issues on how much a city can support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

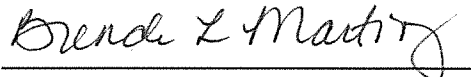
Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Stout. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

The meeting ended at 9:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk