

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Special Meeting of January 6, 2020
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Oglesbee, Stout, de Leon, Nelson, and Paige.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; Peter Altman, City Labor Attorney, and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Benson administered the Oath of Offices to Councilmembers Deady and de Leon. She also noted that Councilmember Deady was sworn in on December 26th and tonight's swearing in for her is for ceremonial purposes.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt the agenda; **second** Councilmember Paige. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1) AB20-001– Council Selection of Mayor Pro-Tempore

Councilmember Nelson **moved** to make Erin Stout Mayor Pro-Tem; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

2) AB20-002 – Confirming the Mayor's Appointments to the Council Standing Committees

Mayor Benson reported on this item.

Councilmember Stout **moved** to accept the Mayor's committee assignments as presented; **second** Councilmember Paige. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 3) **Claim Checks** –January 6, 2020 Check No. 48328 through 48362 (48327 void) in the amount of \$84,256.62
- 4) **Minutes** – Council Work Session of December 12, 2019 and Council Meeting of December 19, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Davis, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the ribbon cutting for Lydia’s Cakes and Confections in Maple Valley; volunteered at the Museum for taking down the Christmas decorations. She also noted the Museum will take Christmas decor donations and the City will put something in the newsletter this year to citizens. She reported meeting with Kim Schrier and participated in a telephone conference with KC Metro. She also spoke on the use of social media without a formal policy and asked Attorney Linehan to discuss this with Council.

Attorney Linehan spoke to Council on social media policies and summarized considerations Council might want to think about when developing a policy. During discussion it was suggested to hold a work session on this and to also see policies from cities our size as well as those from surrounding jurisdictions.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Oglesbee reported having a wonderful Christmas and New Years.

Councilmember Stout reported attending no meetings and expressed it being an honor to be nominated and appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem. She thanked the Public Works department for always being there when things are at there worst and appreciates them and the other staff members for keeping things going.

Councilmember de Leon shared being excited to have this opportunity to continue to learn and work with everyone. She noted looking forward to the start of her term, the new year and decade and is happy brining the subject of social media to light. She continues to talk with residents and partnering with Council on some of things residents have been relaying to her.

Councilmember Nelson reported meeting with Kevin Esping and Chief Kiblinger and also meeting the new police officer. He noted looking forward to 2020.

Councilmember Paige commented on the City Connection Newsletter and feeling proud to be a part of the City Council and touched on a few things the Council has done this past year. He shared that Council should feel good about accomplishing and adopting the Comprehensive Plan Update and the utility rate increase ordinance which was the right thing to do from a long term perspective. He noted staff working really hard and in particular Public Works for the grant money they receive. He expressed excitement for the new website and moving forward with social media. He touched on the council vacancy being in the newsletter as it gives residents ample time to know about it, apply, and make public comments. He gave kudos to the Mayor for the information contained in the newsletter and noted being pleased about the appointment of Councilmember Stout as Mayor Pro-Tem. He is looking forward to this year and working with all the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Deady wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported volunteering to help stuff the newsletters. She discussed being Mayor Pro-Tem for two years and what that entailed. She gave kudos to the Mayor for doing an awesome job at being at the meetings.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Linehan shared good news with the Council. He informed them that the City received the decision regarding the Comprehensive Plan challenge and the Board upheld the City's Comp Plan and dismissed the challenge. He then read an excerpt from the decision.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that Council would be going into executive session to discuss with Legal Counsel pending and potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session was anticipated to last 10 minutes with no action to follow. She then asked the room to be cleared so Council good start the executive session.


Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 8:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk