

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meeting of March 5, 2020

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

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, Nelson, and Paige

ABSENT: None

Staff present: David Linehan, City Attorney; Chief Smith; Kevin Esping, Facilities Equipment Coordinator; Peter Altman, City Labor Attorney, and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Benson announced that Chief Smith broth the Deputy Director of the Liberian Fire Services (Africa) with him tonight and will be taking him around the area. Chief Smith introduced Gabriel Nmah. Mr. Nmah spoke about the challenges in his country and discussed the help they need.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 1) Claim Checks** –March 5, 2020 Check No. 48558 through 48600 (void 48463) in the amount of \$170,405.67
- 2) Minutes** – Work Session of February 13, 2020 and Council Meeting of February 20, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

3) AB20-017 – Ordinance Accepting Railroad Avenue Property Donation

City Attorney Linehan brief Council on this item and there was Council discussion.

Councilmember Deady **moved** approve Ordinance No. 20-1138 to accept the Railroad Avenue property donation; **second** Councilmember Nelson. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire - Commissioner Farrell inquired about the status of the fire services study.

Chief Smith reported on the COVID-19 virus that was discussed at the Public Safety Meeting. No reported there are no occurrences in the district yet. He stated the department being ready for this type of event since 2005. He recapped the statistics of 56 confirmed cases within King County and 9 death with almost all being related with the assisted living facility in Kirkland. He discussed the precautions they are taking and people will see firefighters wearing precautionary gear on calls. He informed Council the fire apparatus has been ordered and shared that Mountain View is speaking about going out for an M&O levy sometime this year. He recapped the incidents they responded to since the last Council meeting. He noted there was a total of 20 responses for a daily average of 2 per day.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMNET – Emergency Management Director Esping reported that the Mayor has us doing our due diligence in response to COVID – 19. The City has posted hand washing signs in all departments and has available hand sanitizer and disinfectant’s for employees and visitors to use.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the Soup Ladies event at the Police Department where the Today Show is presenting them with a new truck. She noted it being a good turnout. She announced that Colin Lund from Oakpointe has resigned and the Company will be working on a replacement.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Paige reported being on vacation last week and was unable to attend the Finance Committee meeting. He noted looking forward to next Thursday as he will be attending the Finance Committee meeting, Work Session, and Town Hall meetings.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Police Department’s open house regarding revising their mission statement and noted the next meeting will be March 16th. She attended the Soup Ladies presentation, Public Works Committee where they discussed removal of the wood piles left after cottonwood removal project. She also reported attending the Finance Committee meeting, 5th District Legislative Town Hall in Maple

Valley. She thanked the Kombol's for their land donation. She wished all the best to the Covington Mayor Jeff Wagner with their house fire and thanked Gabriel Nmah for coming to the meeting. She discussed the accident at the Black Diamond Community Center, shoe sale at the gym where all proceeds went to the Community Center. She shared that having a Veteran's wall on the donated property would be a great idea.

Councilmember Oglesbee reported reaching out to Enumclaw Superintendent Mike Nelson regarding the welcoming and inclusive resolution discussed at the last meeting. She also shared reaching out to business owners, Black Diamond Community Center, City Staff, Police and will be hearing the results as next weeks work session. She also reported attending the Public Safety meeting where the COVID-19 virus was discussed and the Soup Ladies presentation.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the 5th Legislative District Town Hall meeting, Finance and Public Safety Committee meetings. He discussed the COVID-19 virus and stressed the importance of washing hands, stay home and if people need to go out to be diligent about their surroundings. He also attended the Soup Ladies presentation and noted it being a great event.

Councilmember Stout reported attending the White River Families First Coalition event, Police Department open house on revising their mission statement. She encouraged community members to attend the next meeting on March 16th. She also reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting and receiving two email from citizens expressing displeasure about the wood piles left after the cottonwood trees removal project. She also attended the Finance Committee meeting and Commander interviews. She shared visiting Vine Maple Place for the first time and discussed going on a tour. She attended the Soup Ladies event and noted it being a fun community event and thanked Councilmember Deady and her husband for all their work on the shoe sale.

Councilmember de Leon reported attending the Pubic Works Committee meeting and looking forward to touring the City's facilities. She echoed the thank you to the Kombol's and appreciates their donation. She attended the Town Hall with State Legislators and noted it being a good forum for sharing. She also noted working with City employees and shared the city having amazing employees and work with them on some amazing projects. The also thanked City Attorney Linehan for all his guidance. She shared about her recent trip to Olympia. She touched on COVID-19 and noted that the King County Health Department has great literature for citizens to look at; this is ammeter of using basic care and reminded everyone to be patient and understanding. She stated she was not able to make the Soup Ladies event and is looking forward to the conversation at the upcoming work session and hearing the input received from citizens.

Councilmember Nelson reported attending the 5th Legislative Town Hall meeting at Tahoma High School and spending time at Diamond Valley MHP and expressed having an awesome city. He attended the Public Safety Committee meeting where COVID-19 was discussed. He also attended the Soup Ladies event and thanked all the first responders who attended. He noted the Soup Ladies being amazing and shared that Black Diamond is

where it all started. He asked Gabriel Nmah to tell his people they are in our thoughts and prayers and will do what we can to help.

Councilmember Deady asked that the Council retreat be pushed out to April or May so the facilitator can do their due diligence and can reach out to individual Councilmembers prior to the retreat.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan asked Council if they would like to have representatives from the Enumclaw School Board attend the work session in April regarding school impact fees. Following discussion there was consensus to invite them to the work session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Fuller, Maple Valley spoke to Council.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

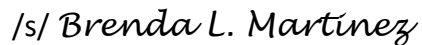
The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Immediately following adjournment, the Council went into a closed session to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4).

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk