

**CITY OF BLAINE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
7:00 P.M.**

**A. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:30 P.M. – Potential Litigation**

**B. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL:** Ken Ely, Charlie Hawkins, John Liebert, Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet, Bruce Wolf, Mike Myers.
- **EXCUSED:**
- **STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Banham Public Works Director; Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk; Meredith Riley Finance Director; Mike Haslip, Chief of Police.

**C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

1. Day of Peace Proclamation – presented to Diane Palmason by Mike Myers.
2. Dennis Olason, 860 Georgia Street – he wanted to comment about the population study and felt it would be more appropriate to comment later.
3. Lenore Onyon, 9805 Harvey Road – she had a question regarding the lines on H Street. They are difficult to see at night. She also wanted to know about the building in the East Blaine area. Steve Banham commented that there is an every other year striping program. He also reported that there is an East Blaine infrastructure plan. There will be a public meeting after the plan is submitted.

**D. COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**E. PUBLIC HEARING (MEETING)**

1. None

**F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Pressure Tanks for Customers in the Vicinity of the Watershed – presented by Steve Banham. He recommends that council approve the concept of City's interim use of individual water pressure booster pump stations.

**MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE IN CONCEPT THE CITY'S INTERIM USE OF INDIVIDUAL WATER PRESSURE BOOSTER PUMP STATIONS FOR ANY CITY WATER CUSTOMERS WITH SUBSTANDARD WATER PRESSURE UNTIL THE CITY PERMANENTLY RESOLVES THE PRESSURE PROBLEM AND WAIVE THE SECOND READING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS.**

John Liebert asked if there is a precedent being set. Steve Banham advised that we are required to provide a certain PSI. Jason Overstreet asked about the location of these customers and Steve Banham responded that they are all within the same location.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).**

2. Community Center Roof Replacement Bid Award – presented by Gary Tomsic. They decided not to take action on it tonight due to the error in bid by the low bidder. This will need to be reviewed with contractor and the city attorney.

**G. CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS**

1. State and Federal Projects Update – reported by Steve Banham. He has had feedback from various businesses that are affected by the work. There is going to be a meeting with the DOT and the businesses that are affected on Thursday to work through some of the solutions.
2. Lighthouse Point Update – reported by Steve Banham. He showed visuals of the proposed stacks. There was some concern about odor generating activities. He showed visuals on the status of Marine Drive. Steve Banham will have a change at the next council meeting regarding pile costs. He also met with EPA for reports regarding plant for finding of non-significance.
3. Semiahmoo Parkway Asphalt Overlay – reported by Steve Banham. This has been awarded and they held the pre-construction conference. The paving will start the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Bruce Wolf had questions on whether the trail will be paved and Steve Banham noted that at this time it will not be paved.
4. County Birch Point Detour – reported by Steve Banham. He drafted a letter to the county that will be signed by the Mayor. He will meet with the county staff on Wednesday, September 13, 2006.
5. Meeting Reminders – Community meetings, Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at Semiahmoo Fire Station and Wed. September 20 at the Community Center. Council work session and public meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> regarding alternative land use at the community center. Council also agreed to meet on September 19<sup>th</sup> with the airport

commission to receive report on economic benefits of the airport – 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

6. Updated Population Forecast – reported by Gary Tomsic. The ECONorthwest report is included in the packet. Projected growth rate is 3-4% annually but the building permits are down this year, indicating possible slowing of growth. Steve Banham is putting together his annual waste load capacity report and will get back with the Council later to see if we need to have a moratorium on building in the future. Dennis Olason had some questions on this report and they were answered by staff. Bonnie Onyon had questions on the overflow and equalization of the waste load.
7. Mike Haslip commented that the City has been approved for a small grant for computer equipment for the inoperability program.

**H. MAYOR'S REPORT - None**

**I. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Letter from Helitech, dated August 30, 2006
2. Two letters faxed from Joel Douglas, received September 11, 2006.

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Items listed below have been distributed to Council members in advance for study and will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular Agenda at the request of a Council Member.
  - Approval of Bills – Amount \$ 254,652.42
  - Approval of Payroll – Amount \$396,899.30
  - Approval of August 28, 2006 City Council Minutes

**MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY ().**

**K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**L. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS - None**

**M. ADJOURN – 8:29 p.m.**

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MAYOR

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