

CITY OF BLAINE
344 H Street
Blaine, WA 98230
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 24, 2007

7:00 PM

- A. Study Session – 5:30pm – Hearing Examiner**
Present: Jason Overstreet, Mike Myers, Ken Ely, John Liebert, Charlie Hawkins
Adjourned – 6:47pm

B. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

- MOMENT OF SILENCE
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL: Ken Ely, Charlie Hawkins, John Liebert, Mike Myers, Jason Overstreet, (Bonnie Onyon has requested to be excused)

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO EXCUSE BONNIE ONYON, SECONDED BY JASON OVERSTREET AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 - 0

- Staff Present: Gary Tomsic, City Manager; Steve Banham, Public Works Director; Meredith Riley, Finance Director; Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk; Jon Sitkin, City Attorney

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sign-up/Comment Forms in Foyer of City Hall

1. Blaine Builder Award – Bruce Wolf – presented by Mike Myers and Gary Tomsic

D. CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Lighthouse Point Update – Steve Banham reported – they are working on putting together a grant application for the Department of Ecology which includes drafting an addendum to the facility plan. Steve Banham requested and received a nod from the City Council to complete and submit the addendum for reclaimed water to the Department of Ecology.

2. Drayton Harbor Road update – Steve Banham reported – the county denied the protest and will open bids within the next 1-1/2 weeks and plan to see the final paving in the spring.
3. State & Federal Projects – Steve Banham reported – Council member Onyon along with Steve Banham met with the architect for the wall on the truck route. Gary Tomsic added that they are thinking of contacting GSA to establish a committee to include GSA, WSDOT and the City to discuss projects that are coming up in Blaine.
4. Major Projects Update - None
5. Lighthouse Park Report - None
6. Airport Financial Status Report – Meredith Riley reported – will be requesting an additional \$50,000 for the airport tonight in order to meet expenses. Outstanding debt of approximately \$430,000 is currently owed to the General Fund Reserve. Council member Overstreet recommended that the council take a look at the plan for the airport and Mike Myers suggested scheduling a study session.
7. Interlocal Agreement Fire District 21 – Blaine Fire Station – Gary Tomsic reported – discussed the proposed agreement and suggested that the council review for further discussion including responsibility for maintenance and repair of the fire station. The State Auditor’s office wants to see an agreement in place. Jon Sitkin advised council that Chmelik, Sitkin and Davis represent both the City and District 21, so the firm will be acting as a scrivener to the contract.
8. Meeting between Mayors Myers and Douglas (Bellingham) – Gary Tomsic reported – regarding an interlocal agreement with the cities in Whatcom County for the Public Facilities District which includes the Childrens’ Museum and Mt. Baker Theatre.
9. Election Boundary Issue – Gary Tomsic reported – discussed the ward status in the East Blaine Annexation area. Tomsic recommended the council take action to correct the issue.
10. AWC Regional Meeting – Sheri Sanchez and Gary Tomsic reported – the council was advised of the upcoming meeting in Bellingham on October 2, 2007.

E. PUBLIC HEARING (MEETING) – None

F. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Planning Commission – Jeff Arntzen reported – September 13 meeting included Hearing Examiner, Wharf District Master Plan with an upcoming work session on September 26. The Moriah Ministries conditional use permit was also approved. A work session was held on September 19 regarding Title 17 and the Planning Commission will be providing a final recommendation.
2. Airport Commission - None
3. BTAC - None
4. Park & Cemetery - None
5. Ad Hoc - None

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Invitation from League of Women Voters for Sept. 22nd.
2. Faxes from Joel Douglas dated September 10th and 13th.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Item 4 on the Council Action Items was passed first in order to include the amount of \$38,480.00 to the Approval of Bills

1. Approval of Bills – Amount: \$209,994.15 plus \$38,480.00 (Council Action Item #4) for a total of \$248,474.15
2. Approval of August Payroll – Amount \$ -0-
3. Approval of September 10, 2007, City Council Minutes

MOTION MADE BY JOHN LIEBERT TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING ADDITIONAL \$38,480.00, SECONDED KEN ELY BY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (BONNIE ONYON ABSENT)

I. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 1472-07, Interfund Loan to Airport - \$50,000 - presented by Meredith Riley

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1472-07 WITH THE WORD “UNANTICIPATED” STRUCK FROM THE FIRST SENTENCE, PROVIDE FOR A LOAN

**EXPENDITURES AND SETTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS,
AND SECONDED BY JASON OVERSTREET**

Council members Overstreet, Liebert and Ely asked questions regarding the funding.

MOTION APPROVED 4 – 1 (JOHN LIEBERT AGAINST, BONNIE ONYON ABSENT)

2. Set Public Hearing for Hearing Examiner – presented by Terry Galvin

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE HEARING EXAMINER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OCTOBER 8, 2007, SECONDED BY JASON OVERSTREET AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (BONNIE ONYON ABSENT)

3. Cherry Street Project Closeout – presented by Steve Banham

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO ACCEPT THE “CHERRY STREET IMPROVEMENTS & STORM DRAIN BELOW THE BOARDWALK” PROJECT AS COMPLETE, SECONDED BY KEN ELY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (BONNIE ONYON ABSENT)

4. Settlement with Campbell Investments for Harbor Utility Crossing Easement – presented by Gary Tomsic

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLAINE AND CAMPBELL INVESTMENT COMPANY, INCLUDING PAYMENT OF \$38,480.00 TO CAMPBELL INVESTMENT COMPANY FOR THE UTILITY EASEMENT, DAMAGES AND ATTORNEY FEES, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (BONNIE ONYON ABSENT)

5. Council Ward Districting – presented by Gary Tomsic – recommending placing East Blaine in a ward district on an interim basis in advance of the 2010 census.

MOTION MADE BY JASON OVERSTREET TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AND PRESENT OPTIONS FOR WARD 1 AND WARD 2 LINE CORRECTION AND/OR REDISTRICTING AFTER THE

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (BONNIE ONYON ABSENT)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. John Liebert - checked with the school regarding Youth in Government Day. Gary Tomsic suggested that John be the liaison and get a couple of dates.

2. Charlie Hawkins - Drayton Harbor Shellfish is doing studies in Drayton Harbor regarding fecal count and the City of Blaine looks good.

L. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

M. ADJOURN – 8:10pm

Mayor

City Clerk