

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 26, 2007

7:00 PM

- A. Study Session – 5:35PM – Rewrite of 17.07 Site Plan Review**
Present: Bonnie Onyon, Mike Myers, Ken Ely, John Liebert, Charlie Hawkins
Staff Present: Gary Tomsic, Terry Galvin, Mike Haslip, Steve Banham, Sheri Sanchez
Adjourn: 6:30PM

B. CALL TO ORDER 7:02PM

- MOMENT OF SILENCE
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Ken Ely, Charlie Hawkins, John Liebert, Mike Myers, Bonnie Onyon.

ABSENT: Jason Overstreet.

MOTION MADE BY BONNIE ONYON TO EXCUSE JASON OVERSTREET'S ABSENCE, SECONDED BY JOHN LIEBERT AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

STAFF: PW Director Banham, CD Director Galvin, PS Director Haslip, Finance Director Riley, City Clerk Sanchez, City Manager Tomsic.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
Sign-up/Comment Forms in Foyer of City Hall

1. None

D. CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Lighthouse Point Update – Steve Banham reported – photos will be taken from the air for the site rendering of the plant. Constructability was done by Harrison and Assoc. The Plan is to

have everything wrapped up by the end of the year so that the advertising for construction can take place at the beginning of the year.

2. State & Federal Projects – Steven Banham reported – The ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the fast lanes will be on Dec 5th at 11:30am on D Street and will be attended by the Governor’s husband.
3. Lincoln Substation Update – Steve Banham reported – A telephone conference call will be made with PSE with discussion of the franchise agreement with the state and review of the interconnection agreement.
4. Major Projects Update – None

E. PUBLIC HEARING (MEETING)

1. 2008 Budget – Presented by Meredith Riley
Mayor Mike Myers reviewed the appearance of fairness doctrine:
Regarding interest in property or subject matter – council responded “nay”
Regarding direct or indirect financial benefit – council responded “nay”
Regarding engaged in communication outside hearing with proponents or opponents – council responded “nay”
Regarding whether the council can be fair & impartial in rendering a decision the council responded “yes”
The Mayor opened the public hearing.
The City Clerk was asked to read any written communication into the record. City Clerk responded there was none.
Gary Tomsic gave a summary review of the 2008 budget process.
Meredith Riley presented an overview of the 2008 budget with added comments by staff.
The council asked questions of the staff regarding budget items.
Public Hearing closed

F. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. There were no reports

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from City of Spokane dated November 12, 2007.
2. Letter from Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron dated November 19, 2007.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Bills – Amount: \$ 95,201.46
2. Approval of Payroll – Amount \$ - 0 -
3. Approval of November 13, 2007, City Council Minutes

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, 5 – 0 (JASON OVERSTREET ABSENT)

I. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 07-2680, Rewrite of 17.07 Site Plan Review – Presented by Terry Galvin

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVED ORDINANCE 07-2680, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (JASON OVERSTREET ABSENT)

2. Ordinance 07-2682, Second Reading Property Tax Levy – Presented by Meredith Riley

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 07-2682, SECONDED BY KEN ELY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (JASON OVERSTREET ABSENT)

3. Ordinance 07-2683, 2008 Budget First Reading – Presented by Meredith Riley. The second reading will take place at the December 10, 2008 council meeting.

4. Ordinance 07-2689, Acquisition of Property for Boardwalk – Presented by Gary Tomsic

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 07-2689, SECONDED BY JOHN LIEBERT AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (JASON OVERSTREET ABSENT)

5. Resolution 1475-07, Wastewater Rate Increase First Reading – Presented by Steve Banham. Second reading will take place at December 10, 2008 council meeting

6. Contract with Baron Telecommunications – Telephone System – Presented by Sheri Sanchez

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARON TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TELEPHONE SYSTEM, SECONDED BY KEN ELY

Staff answered questions from the council

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 – 0 (JASON OVERSTREET ABSENT)

7. Support for Passenger Rail Stop in White Rock – Presented by Gary Tomsic

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A LETTER FOR THE MAYOR’S SIGNATURE, SECONDED BY KEN ELY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 5 - 0 (JASON OVERSTREET ABSENT)

8. Airport Parcel C Lease – Presented by Gary Tomsic

MOTION MADE BY JOHN LIEBERT TO DENY REQUEST TO LEASE PARCEL C, SECONDED BY BONNIE ONYON

Council discussed possible options to the wording in the lease and asked that, if denied, the City Manager can bring back to council with additional wording

DENIED 4, ABSTAINED 1 (CHARLIE HAWKINS)

9. Seagrass Cottages II Preliminary Plat Extension to Agreement – Presented by Terry Galvin

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE THE SEAGRASS COTTAGES II PRELIMINARY PLAT EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY JOHN LIEBERT, AND APPROVED 4, ABSTAINED 1 (CHARLIE HAWKINS)

J. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. Bonnie requested that the letter from the City of Spokane be added to next council agenda.
2. Gary reminded council of the tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 1st, 4:00pm.
3. John Liebert asked about the status of the fence around airport, as part of it has been demolished by trucks. Staff responded that they were aware of it.
4. John Liebert requested that the voter boundaries be added to the next agenda.

K. ADJOURN 8:28PM

Mayor

City Clerk