

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 10, 2007

6:30 PM

- A.** *Study Session – 5:30pm Title 17 Amendments*
- B.** **Call to Order: 5:39PM**
- C.** **Present: Jason Overstreet, Bonnie Onyon, Harry Robinson, Mike Myers, Ken Ely, John Liebert, Charlie Hawkins**
- D.** **Adjourn: 6:55 PM**

E. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:07PM**

F. MOMENT OF SILENCE

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Oath of Office – Harry Robinson

Staff Present:

PRESENT: Ken Ely, Charlie Hawkins, John Liebert, Mike Myers, Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet, Harry Robinson.

ABSENT: None.

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

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G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sign-up/Comment Forms in Foyer of City Hall

1. Blaine Builder Award – Brent Brentnall – Presented by Mike Myers and Gary Tomsic.
2. Jason Snow, Peach Arch State Park Manger – Regarding the Peace Arch State Park landscape update.
3. Bud Powell, 957 Ruby St., Blaine, Board of Directors at Senior Center – expressed appreciation to the City of Blaine for all it does for them.

4. Christina Alexander, 3800 Sweet Road, Blaine – expressed appreciation for the grant for Peace Arch Park Association and mentioned upcoming events.
5. Ron Schneider – expressed appreciation to the City for its support, including the Winterfest.
6. Gary Tomsic mentioned the Christmas decorations and the efforts of the downtown merchants, the Chamber, and community, and the activities this year. Gary mentioned Steve Lawrenson, Ron Schneider and Christina Alexander, and Christmas Tree involvement including Mary Amsberry, Blaine Bouquet, Christy Lonquist, and others.
7. Ken Ely expressed his thanks to the staff and Council for the eight years that he has served on the council.

E. CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. H Street Road Construction Concepts Update – Steve Banham reported with Peter de Boldt, from the engineering firm Perteet Engineering, 2701 Colby Ave. Ste. 900, Everett – Perteet Engineering conducted a charrette with the Salishan community (Boblett, Cedar & Clark Streets). Peter de Boldt reviewed the H Street project goals and he and staff answered questions from the council. There will be a community meeting in January.
2. Lighthouse Point Update – Steve Banham reported– the City is in the process of having a photo rendering done by the end of the year for press release, and would like to set up 1 more tech team meeting and will report back to council on construction intended to begin January.
3. Council Meeting Time for December 26, 2007 – Council members to be present at 8:00am at the December 26, 2007, meeting to approve payables and budget amendment: Charlie Hawkins, Mike Myers, Harry Robinson, John Liebert, and Bonnie Onyon as a backup. *This meeting will also include Minutes from the 12/10/07 Council meeting.*
4. Highway Signage – Gary Tomsic reported - Todd Harris with WSDOT met with staff regarding signage and will get back to the staff. Gary also sent an email out to the legislators.

F. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Planning Commission – Jeff Arntzen, Commission Chair reported

Title 17 code scrub amendments. A retreat has been set for Saturday, January 12, 2008, time to be determined. Jeff asked about notification for replacement for Harry Robinson, which staff responded that it was being taken care of.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letters from Joel Douglas dated December 3, 4 and 5, 2007.

H. 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 Councilmember.

1. Approval of Bills – Amount: \$270,896.26
2. Approval of November Payroll – \$415,653.52
3. Approval of November 26, 2007, City Council Minutes
4. Project Acceptance, Water Production Well No. 5R
5. Project Acceptance, Water Production Well No. 8.1

**MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA,
SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED, 7 - 0**

I. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 07-2690, Bond Issue Street and Storm Improvements LTGO 2007 – Presented by Jack McLaughlin with D. A. Davidson & Co. – Bond includes Streets, Stormwater and refunding the 1994A and 1996 bonds at an interest rate of 3.69% for a total of \$6,045,000.00, and will be insured. The bonds were sold on Thursday, December 6, 2007. Funds will be transferred to the City on December 20, 2007.

**MOTION MADE BY JOHN LIEBERT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 07-2690
BOND ISSUES FOR STREET AND STORM IMPROVEMENTS AND
WAIVE THE 2ND READING, SECONDED BY KEN ELY**

Council asked questions regarding property tax and timeframe of projects which staff responded to.

APPROVED 7 - 0

2. Ordinance 07-2673, Title 17 Amendments – Presented by Terry Galvin.

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 07-2673 TITLE 17 WITH CHANGES OUTLINED IN EXHIBITS A & B, SECONDED BY HARRY ROBINSON AND APPROVED 7 - 0

3. Ordinance 07-2683, 2008 Budget 2nd Reading - Presented by Meredith Riley.

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 07-2683, 2008 BUDGET, SECONDED BY BONNIE ONYON

Jason Overstreet expressed his concern regarding budget balances in 2008/2009 and would not approve the proposed budget.

APPROVED 5 - 1 (OVERSTREET), 1 ABSTAINED (HARRY ROBINSON)

4. Right-of-way vacation petition North of Hughes Between Peace Portal and Freeway – Presented by Steve Banham with recommendation.

JASON MOVED TO TABLE TO COUNCIL MEETING TO JANUARY 14, 2008, SECONDED BY BONNIE ONYON AND APPROVED 6 - 1 (HARRY ROBINSON)

5. Water Use Efficiency Goal-Setting, Establishing Public Forum Date - Presented by Steve Banham asking to add public forum for comment on water efficiency goal and directing City Clerk to put notice in paper. The Goal statement

MOTION MADE BY BONNIE ONYON TO ADD THE WSDOH WATER USE EFFICIENCY - RULE REQUIRED PUBLIC FORUM TO CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CITY'S DRAFT WATER USE EFFICIENCY GOAL(S) WITH CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION TO FOLLOW, AND DIRECTS THE CITY CLERK TO ARRANGE TO PLACE THE ATTACHED PUBLIC NOTICE IN EACH COMMUNITY ALMANAC SECTION OF EACH EDITION OF THE BELLINGHAM HERALD, AND IN EACH EDITION OF THE NORTHERN LIGHT UNTIL JANUARY 14, 2008, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 6 - 1 (JOHN LIEBERT)

6. Resolution 1475-07, Wastewater Rate Increase 2nd Reading – Presented by Meredith Riley

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1475-07, WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE AND POLICE FEES, SECONDED BY JASON OVERSTREET AND APPROVED 7 - 0

7. Award Bid for Replacement of Existing Telemetry Equipment - Presented by Steve Banham

MOTION MADE BY JASON OVERSTREET FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO AWARD THE PURCHASE FROM L2 SYSTEM, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,874.32 INCLUDING WASHINGTON SALES TAX AND WAIVE THE 2ND READING, SECONDED BY KEN ELY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 7 - 0

8. Response to the City of Spokane Letter Regarding Tire Studs – Presented by Mike Haslip

COUNCIL GAVE NOD FOR LETTER TO BE SENT TO MAYOR HESSION WITH THE CITY OF SPOKANE.

9. Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County for Pilot Stormwater Project – Presented by Steve Banham

MOTION MADE BY BONNIE ONYON FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHATCOM COUNTY TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT STORMWATER RETROFIT PROJECT AND WAIVE THE 2ND READING, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7 - 0

10. Interlocal Agreement with Fire District 21 for Fire Marshal – Presented by Mike Haslip

MOTION MADE BY JOHN LIEBERT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 21 FOR FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES AND WAIVE THE 2ND READING, SECONDED BY BONNIE ONYON AND APPROVED 7 - 0

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gary Tomsic passed out a proposed voter redistricting map for the Council to review and discuss in January, 2008. The City attorney will provide further information on legal requirements.

K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

L. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Jason Overtstreet spoke regarding use of City right-of-way to park cars marked for export for staff and council to discuss more in depth.

2. John Liebert discussed burning permitted in the county and not in the city limits. Staff will look into the issue.
3. John Liebert was contacted regarding speeding on Allan Street.
4. John Liebert asked if the East Blaine infrastructure plan was completed. Steve advised that there is a draft plan provided to both developers for comment.
5. Bonnie Onyon asked about the written communication and wanted to know if there was any background on it.
6. Mike Myers attended the opening of SR 543 truck route. Per project engineer, Kelly Brown, that there was not one incident of vandalism or theft. Mike commends the community highly.

M. ADJOURN: 9:43PM

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Mayor

City Clerk