

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Meeting of February 13, 2014
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Gordon called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Benson and Taylor.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Edelman (excused) and Morgan (late).

Staff present were: Christy Todd, City Administrator and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

Mayor Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vern Gibson, Black Diamond – asked where Council is with the seven priority items.

City Administrator Todd informed him that the projects are included in the city Hall update which is posted to the website.

Cindy Wheeler, Black Diamond – commented on not having any way with the huge projects to track the milestones, or conditions. Discussed the Public Works Committee meetings and staff was talking about the Rock Creek Bridge update and this information conflicted with the true outcome of the Hearing Examiners findings and conclusions. She noted the cost for YarrowBay was inaccurate. She gave an example of the cost for the Issaquah Bridge. She noted Mr. Boettcher also addressed the City will be the one to put the wiring through the pipes underneath that will be attached to the bridge. She noted this is not on the CIP. The number things are that the Council, Administration and Staff all need to work together and there needs to be oversight. She noted as important as the Rock Creek project is nothing can be overlooked. That is why there is a need for a tracking system. She commented on the Water Quality Committee and their annual report. Her issue as an appellant of the PP1A is the lack of TMDL calculation being produced. She noted the State has limited it a phosphorus limited lake and she wants to know how much YarrowBay will use of that number. She noted the findings of the hearing Examiner ordering an additional year of testing as a mandatory condition. She noted a meeting that was convened by staff with 13 in attendance and MDRT staff leaving and Megan Nelson running the meetings. It is a concern to her that no one has produced this TMDL number as of yet. She commented on a letter submitted to Mayor Gordon by Nancy Rogers and noted that within that letter there were dome severe inaccuracies and does not believe this can go unmissed. She noted the mistruths that were

stated within the February 3rd letter; concerned that staff may not be qualified on the MDRT team.

City Administrator Todd noted that she has been attending all MDRT meetings and is going to look into a lot of these things. She has been looking at things since her employment and noted not being aligned with any organized group. Ms. Todd also commented on the technical expertise on the team. She noted there being vigorous participation from Councilmembers and ever contract that was entered into had non-collusion language in the contracts that they had to sign. She noted flaws with Parametrix and we need to do better and she would like to see that improvement personally and the need to have factual information. Ms. Todd assured her that she is paying a great deal of attention and that over time things will vastly improve with communication. She agreed that staff's role is to be responsible. The need for all the minor and major amendments is not being tracked and they need to be. Referred to the court of appeals decision that ruled against TRD that supplemental EISs need to be done and she would like all three parts of her City on top of that.

Councilmember Morgan entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Cindy Wheeler, Black Diamond – commented it came to her attention that a staff member gave a Councilmember who is not present erroneous information.

City Administrator Todd noted being present as this meeting and does not agree with Ms. Wheeler on this issue.

Cindy Wheeler, Black Diamond – commented she wants staff to be held to high standards and great accuracy and the very best outcome.

City Administrator Todd noted her concerns are valid.

Cindy Wheeler, Black Diamond – commented city code was changed to have a Planning Commissioner attend every City Council meeting and does not understand why this is not happening. She would like to have this added during the roll call process.

Councilmember Taylor commented he sponsored this item and this was for a Planning Commissioner to be present during meetings where they were giving recommendations.

City Administrator Todd commented that what Ms. Wheeler is really asking for is a project manager, and sees this as doable and probably necessary and is happy to look into how to make this happen.

Mayor Gordon talked about this being a level of tracking that he can't do.

Aaron Scott, Black Diamond – commented on his concern that prior administration putting guardrails on a road that no one has run off of and the stupidity in this since the problem has not been fixed.

Mayor Gordon noted the City Attorney looking into this and there is liability and the history is irrelevant and we have to protect the City.

Aaron Scott, Black Diamond – commented the need to spend the money better by putting in a new Fire Station and would like to have the gate re-opened and now he does not get the gate open as the City gave the property back to Palmer Coke and Coal.

Mayor Gordon asked Mr. Scott what his solution would be.

Aaron Scott, Black Diamond – stated to leave it alone and if you are really worried about it put in a gate and give them a key.

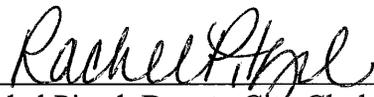
Betty Gibson, Black Diamond – noted how please she is with everyone and that they are really great people and is glad to have all of them in charge.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Benson and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0). The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dave Gordon, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk