

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

February 21, 2015

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 10:03:04 a.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Morgan, Goodwin, Edelman and Taylor.

ABSENT: Councilmember Deady (excused).

Staff present were: Mayene Miller, Finance Director and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

Councilmember Morgan entered meeting at 10:03:49 a.m.

Work Session – Presentation from Fire Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor Benson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked each Fire Commissioner and Councilmember to introduce themselves.

Councilmember Taylor noted being the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee and discussed this was an 18-month project and the recommendation and the outcome needs a third-party review to move forward with any decision that is made. He discussed the purpose/authority of the Committee was to explore all the possibilities regarding future Fire Services for Black Diamond. He then turned the meeting over to Chief Smith.

Fire Chief Smith thanked everyone for coming on a Saturday morning and the City for forming the Ad Hoc Committee; he noted meeting with Council a year ago to give an update. He reported the four areas that were looked at 1) Stand-alone City operated Fire Department, 2) Interlocal Agreement Contract for Services, 3) Annexation of a City into a Fire District, and 4) Regional Fire Protection Services Authority. He noted it is the Committee's recommendation to enter into a Pre-Annexation Agreement and this would be the next process to look at. They believe this is the one area to focus on as it needs more exploration.

Councilmember Taylor noted the next step would be to hire an outside consultant to do the study and the Fire District would split the cost. He asked if it makes sense to the group to have the Committee explore and research a Pre-Annexation Agreement.

There was Council consensus that the next step would be to explore and research a Pre-Annexation Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (4-0). The meeting ended at 11:32:51 a.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, Deputy City Clerk