

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of December 3, 2020
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Oglesbee, Stout, de Leon, O'Donnell and Paige (Councilmember Paige was not present during roll call and joined the meeting at 7:22 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councilmember Wisnoski (excused)

Staff present: Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt the agenda; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adopt the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 1) **Claim Checks** – December 3, 2020 Check No. 49364 through 49420 and in the amount of \$187,538.52
- 2) **AB20-092** – Resolution Regarding Final Plat Approval for The Villages MPD, Ten Trails Plat 1A Div 6 (V14)
- 3) **AB20-093** – Resolution Regarding Final Plat Approval for The Villages MPD, Ten Trails Plat 2A Div 5

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Davis, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Melissa Earl, Lumber House Brewery spoke to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson brought up the fee for a temporary use permit for local businesses to have outside tents for patron dining during this shut down. She asked if Council is willing to waive the fee for the Lumber House Brewery and others.

Councilmember de Leon **moved** that the City waive all fees and charges associated with temporary use permit approvals for outdoor dining for all applicants who apply for such permits while state, local, or federal COVID-19 restrictions remain in place on indoor dining establishments; **seconded** by Councilmember Deady.

There was Council discussion regarding Councilmembers being in favor of helping our businesses out during this difficult time of COVID-19.

Vote: Motion passed with all voting in favor (5-0).

Councilmember Deady brought up the legislative agenda and wondered if Council was interested in discussing it tonight. Council reviewed the document and gave direction to the City Clerk to move forward with preparing a final document to be presented at the next Council meeting for approval.

Councilmember Paige entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Benson reported attending the SCA annual meeting and noted the economist from PSRC who was there shared that he doesn't expect the economy to flatten out and come back to where it was until October of 2022. She shared with the Zoom meetings they are having a higher attendance and with the 38 cities in this group only two cities were not represented. She noted with the COVID numbers on the rise, she encouraged everyone to stay home and have their own private Christmas and try not to travel.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk – City Clerk Martinez and IS Manager Reed updated Council on the progress of the new website. She highlighted different areas on the new site to show Council the look and feel and to also get some feedback.

Fire – Chief Smith reported on the pulse point an app you download through a cell phone. He gave a COVID update and announced how citizens can put in applications with the department. He discussed the food and toy donation and how citizens can participate with their donations. He happily reported that since the last meeting there were no serious incidents in the district. He shared that the Fire Department also has CivicPlus as their website vendor and a feature they have for calendaring and reserving rooms.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Oglesbee reported it being a great weekend for Small Business Saturday. She attended the Public Safety Committee meeting where they discussed the skate park being closed due to structural needs; not COVID.

Councilmember Wisnoski - absent

Councilmember Stout reported attending her regular committee meetings and noted continuing their work on reviewing the water system plan in the Public Works Committee. She discussed opportunities for citizens to give during this time. She wished everyone a great holiday season and to stay safe and well.

Councilmember de Leon echoed attending committee meetings and formally meeting Mona Davis. She noted continuing her reading on the water system plan and were able to pass an annual budget. She hopes that moving forward in a zoom setting we can do invite legislators to hear our priorities in person. She reiterated that we are able to adopt policies around the internet and social media policies and would like to get this on docket in the near future. She expressed for everyone to stay safe and support businesses in a way to keep us and the businesses safe.

Councilmember O'Donnell reported he couldn't attend the Public Safety meeting, as he participated on a panel regarding the impacts of COVID on small businesses. He gave examples of how his business looked at how to be transparent and help employees when cutting costs. He stated that he hopes by late summer of next year the economy has rebounded, and as businesses rebound, he noted there being an opportunity for local government to support local businesses in an equitable manner. He asked what can we do now as a council to help small businesses in our community? He further added that whatever we can do now is an urgent thing and when the economy rebounds are we positioning the city in a manner to attract new businesses.

Councilmember Paige reported attending his normal meetings and noted that in the special meeting a budget was approved. He expressed his thanks to our Finance Director May Miller for doing a good job of walking them through an arduous process. He also thanked the staff that works with May and asked that she pass that along. He noted really appreciating the showing the website and would like to have the Council have an opportunity to walk through and navigate before launching live. He shared that what he could see looked good and stated it will be a great addition. He reminded everyone to remember that the website is not static and will be changing as we move forward and having a good solid foundation is important. He noted supporting all the comments around holidays and staying safe.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the Public Works Committee meeting and gave a shout out to Dan Dal Santo for fixing the Christmas lights on the tree at the triangle park. She also reported attending the SCA annual meeting along with Mayor Benson and one thing they asked is, what is one of the positives that came out this year. She shared that one for our city is our residents are stepping up and supporting our local businesses. She noted the share the joy tags at the Community Center are gone, however tags are still available at the Eagles for their event. She commented on helping businesses with the new Cares Act funding. She talked about the funding the Community Center received to help local residents affected by COVID with rent assistance or utility bills. In closing, she wished everyone a safe weekend.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Linehan expressed how great it is to have Mona Davis as our new Community Development Director and noted that everyone will really enjoy working with her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:10 p.m. Mayor Benson announced the Council would be going into an executive session pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(b). The executive session was expected to last ten minutes with no action to follow.

A ten-minute extension was announced.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

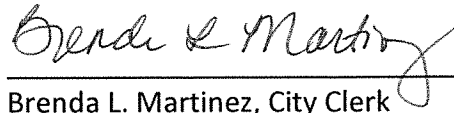
Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Oglesbee. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

The meeting ended at 8:31 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk