

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 10, 2016**

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the regular work session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Morgan, Edelman, Weber and Pepper.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Jana King, Deputy Finance Director; Kevin Esping, Facilities Equipment Coordinator, and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Benson announced the items on tonight's agenda are the 2017 preliminary budget, property tax ordinances and the Black Diamond Community Center budget request of \$10,000. She read from Ms. Miller's letter regarding the changes that were made since Council last saw the 2017 preliminary budget document.

Points of Discussion for 2017 preliminary budget:

- Where funding for the Black Diamond Community Center request of \$10,000 would come from – ending fund balance
- How to go about getting an Arts Commission – next year discussion
- Organizational Chart
- City debt being only the water debt
- Changes to page 19 – need to show four school districts
- Adding a line item for the Community Center funding
- Social Services
- Court interest
- Passport fees
- Funding Agreement revenue
- Discussion of how revenue projections are calculated – based on trend, per capita, and department requests
- How many building permits issued this year
- Water utility tax from Covington Water District
- Legislative budget
- IT increase due to having them onsite 2 days per week

- Spring permits being 100 % developer funded
- Pass-through sewer rate increase – Metro
- Rate study presentation
- Page 54 of document – what is miscellaneous revenue – believes it is connection charges
- Reserves of operating funds – Capital funds on pages 61, 62, and 63
- Page 55 item 4 – why is budget change 650% - believes this is due to growth
- Page 63 item 5 – what is this – it is for internal projects. Also noted the budget only includes the 2017 projects from the Capital Improvement Plan
- 10% goal of expenditures
- Page 67 – suggestion to add a note saying when the last rate study was done. Another suggestion was to add it to the water and sewer pages
- Utility operating policies – what is the standard for self-sufficiency. Every year we look at where we were and where we are at and that decides when the utility studies need to be done
- Utility funds vs. general fund
- Operating period being Jan 1 – Dec 31

Property Tax Ordinances

Mayor Benson discussed the two property tax ordinance and noted one ordinance is setting the property tax value and the other is setting the property tax dollar amount that is required by the state to adopt. She further noted the ordinances needing to be adopted by November 30th and the importance of the November 17th meeting as the continued public hearing and Council action of the two ordinances is on that meeting agenda.

Council discussion began on the November 17th meeting and attendance at that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Deady and **seconded** by Councilmember Edelman to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Weber asked if there was going to be any more discussion on the two property tax ordinances. Discussion continued and Councilmember Weber called for the question.

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

Meeting ended at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol Benson, Mayor

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 2016

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

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 and Edelman. **(No quorum present)**

ABSENT: Councilmembers Morgan, Weber and Pepper.

Staff present: Brian Lynch, Police Sergeant; Kevin Esping, Facilities Equipment Coordinator; Andy Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev/Interim Community Development Director, May Miller, Finance Director, and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Benson discussed the absences of Councilmembers Morgan, Weber and Pepper. She noted having excuses for Councilmembers Morgan and Weber. She then discussed Councilmember Pepper's reason as noted at the November 10 Work Session and stated she is not excused.

She announced Black Diamond will be receiving \$27,500 from King County; \$5,000 to Parks and Recreation, \$5,000 to the Black Diamond Community Center, \$2,500 to the Black Diamond Historical Society, and \$15,000 to the Ginder Creek Trail. She also reported the City has a problem with a fire engine and it needs to be replaced. This engine was scheduled to be replaced in 2018, however since there is an issue the City will need to replace it sooner than expected and find the additional funding for this expenditure.

Councilmember Edelman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She discussed Councilmember attendance, her attendance at meetings and doing her job. She then discussed the business on the agenda that will not be addressed as no action can be taken at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Deady noted agreeing with Councilmember Edelman's comments. She discussed an email she sent to Councilmember Pepper begging her to come to the meeting tonight for the public hearing portion only as it is for the residents and noted not receiving any response.

Mayor Benson also reported that the unfinished business on the agenda was put there by those majority Councilmembers not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Edelman, Black Diamond commented.

Mitch Neary, Black Diamond commented.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond commented.

Brock Deady, Black Diamond commented.

Judy Goodwin, Black Diamond commented.

Leslie Cooley, Black Diamond commented.

Judy Carrier, Auburn commented.

Mayor Benson discussed an email sent to Councilmember Pepper regarding the meeting schedule and Councilmember Pepper's response back.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Edelman and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn to a time and place certain in accordance with RCW 42.30.090 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at Council Chambers. This will be a continuation of tonight's regular Council meeting. She also stated what that means is this will be the agenda that will be used for that meeting. Councilmembers in attendance agreed.

Mayor Benson adjourned the meeting and noted it will be continued to November 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol Benson, Mayor

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk