

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 13, 2018**

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, Oglesbee, Edelman, Stout and Wisnoski.

ABSENT: None

Staff present were: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Andy Williamson, MDRT/Economic Development Director; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

1) Discussion on Fire Service Analysis/Annexation

Mayor Benson welcomed everyone and noted that tonight's work session is a discussion on a Fire Service Analysis for Black Diamond. She then turned the meeting over to Finance Director Miller.

Finance Director Miller discussed the following areas with Council:

- Population
- Discussion on houses sold and houses permitted
- Assessed valuation trends
- General Fund expenses
- Other funds used to support fire expenses
- Fire Impact Fee revenue
- Real Estate Excise Tax II from the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan
- King County assessed valuation vs. levy rates – how it works
- Property Tax excess capacity available WITHOUT annexation
- Property Tax impact WITH annexation
- Difference between levy rates and voted bonds
- Black Diamond tax growth and how Black Diamond is property tax dependent
- Citizen tax impact
- Discussion on fire station that will be built soon in old town by the developer
- Current deficiencies the city has regarding fire service and the need to address it
- Pre-annexation agreement speaking to the deficiency

- City tax impact and Fire District 44 tax impact

There was back and forth discussion regarding the timing of annexation and the expectation as information has changed and needs to be reviewed again.

Chief Smith noted the district is interested in moving forward and explained what that would like that.

MDRT Director Williamson discussed what OakPointe has agreed to and what is on the table regarding a new fire station in old town.

There was discussion on lid lifts and what the net loss to the City will be as there is a need to answer questions the public may have. Councilmember Deady added the last lift lid was in 2009 and both police and fire are deficient, and Council should be going to the citizens to bring the Level of Service (LOS) up.

There was discussion on the length of time it takes for government agencies to get things going and the need to have a plan, so the Council and Citizens know what it is happening and why.

Councilmember Wisnoski again stressed, the need to be able to tell our citizens what the City's plan is for fire service and annexation. Also, the need to figure out what the City's fair share is.

Fire District discussed the need to look at the citizens of the district not carrying the City. Councilmember Edelman stated this would be a discussion with the District, the Mayor and the Finance Director.

In closing, it was discussed that the City is still moving forward with annexation into Mountain View Fire District, however the timing is still up in question.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Edelman. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

The meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol Benson, Mayor

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of September 20, 2018
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, Oglesbee, Edelman, Stout, and Wisnoski. (Councilmember Stout raised her hand for roll call since she had no voice)

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; David Linehan, City Attorney, Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of Lifesaving Award – Chief Kiblinger presented a Lifesaving Award to Officer Ryan Keller. The lifesaving award is awarded to members of the Black Diamond Police Department who, by their immediate actions, have saved a human life under unusual and/or extraordinary circumstances. She shared that on July 14th, Officer Keller was headed home after working his normal patrol shift when he heard another officer being dispatched to a male patient who had stopped breathing and was unresponsive. She stated officer Keller took it upon himself to turnaround and respond to the location. When he arrived, he was unable to open the gate by hand, so he had to use his vehicle to push the gate open which also cleared the path for Fire and Medics. Once inside the residence he took over for the wife and continued performing CPR until Engine 92 arrived. The actions of Officer Keller were crucial in the outcome of the patient’s survival. She thanked Officer Keller for acting out of selflessness, acting with character, and ultimately saving a citizen’s life. The patient and his wife were in attendance and thanked Officer Keller and stressed the importance of learning CPA.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Deady **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** – September 20, 2018 – Check No. 46679 through 46728 and EFTs in the amount of \$417,785.63
- 2) **Payroll** – August 31, 2018 – No. 19614 through 19633 (voids 19492, 19511) and ACHs in the amount of \$330,402.43
- 3) **Minutes** – Council Meeting of September 6, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4) **AB18-080** – Ordinance Granting a Nonexclusive Telecommunications Franchise to MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corporation., D/B/A Verizon Access

Public Works Director Boettcher reported to Council on this item.

Mayor Benson opened the public hearing at 7:11:32 p.m. There was no public testimony and Mayor Benson closed the public hearing at 7:11:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department – Chief Smith reported on the volunteer recruit academy that starts October 3rd and last for three weeks. He commented he will let everyone know when the graduation date will be. The new career firefighter started the recruit academy and graduation is scheduled for the end of January. He shared that five officers received blue card training that requires 50 hours of online training followed by a three-day hands-on class. He noted he will be meeting with Mr. Williamson to sign the final plat Council recently approved. He discussed the burn bans that are currently in place and noted he anticipates they will be lifted by the end of the month. Recreational fires are allowed and the rules for outside burning can be found on their website. He shared that on October 3rd a national alert text message from the President will be send to cell phones as they are testing the system. He congratulated Officer Keller and stressed the importance of learning CPR and having it administered quickly. He noted that with the retirement of Robert Young, he is working with Auburn Regional Fire Authority under contract to have one of their plan reviewers on board to review Black Diamond plans.

Police – Chief Kiblinger shared that on October 3rd the department will be participating in the National Program “Coffee with a Cop” at Black Gold Coffee in Black Diamond from 7

a.m. – 10 a.m. She noted Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Black Diamond neighborhoods.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending the SCATBd meeting and the main agenda item was the Washington State Road Usage Tax.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Edelman reported on the Public Works Committee meeting and shared the items that were discussed; attended the Public Information Committee (PIC) and pre-PIC where the subjects were the Open Public Meetings Act and new rules coming out on emotional support critters vs. support animals, interviewing for vacancies on Council, special meetings and closed session and announcing the estimated time; she distributed SCA's draft 2019 Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Stout passed due to having no voice.

Councilmember Wisnoski reported attending the work session on the fire analysis.

Councilmember Deady asked if there was any movement on getting the CERT group together to start the CERT program here in Black Diamond and the need to get a CPR class here also. She reported attending the work session on the fire analysis and noted the fire study should move forward and the need to start looking at a levy; attended the PIC meeting, Finance Committee meeting and meeting with Reagan Dunn regarding the Community Center where funds were awarded and vans awarded to the school district.

Mayor Benson announced there will be an Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 29th from 9-2 at Rock Creek Elementary.

Councilmember Oglesbee reported attending the Hometown Christmas spaghetti feed, Council work session on the fire analysis and noted the need to move forward with a levy and annexation; Black Diamond Labor Days wrap up meeting; and announced there will be a Hometown Harvest at Ten Trails on September 29th.

ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Linehan noted discussing at an earlier Council meeting the State Business Licensing statute and the need to come into compliance before the end of the year. He discussed the two decisions Council needs to provide guidance on are 1) Keep the threshold at the \$2,000 amount or raise it, and 2) for businesses that fall below the threshold should the city have them obtain a free business license. He stated he would like to get feedback at the next Council meeting and then bring a final ordinance back to Council for adoption.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Davis, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Robbin Taylor, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Edelman **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (5-0).

The meeting ended at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol Benson, Mayor

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk