

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of July 17, 2025
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
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, Nielsen, Peterson, Young (Zoom), Jones, Page (Zoom)

Councilmember Deady **moved** to excuse Councilmember Mulvihill from tonight's meeting; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

ABSENT: Councilmember Mulvihill (excused).

Staff present: Xavier Mason, Finance Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Rob Reed, IS Manager (Zoom); Jake Kapsandy, IT Tech II; David Linehan, City Attorney; City Administrator, Kevin O'Neill; Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember Jones wanted to make it clear that for item #6 this would not be for a decision but for discussion only.

Councilmember Jones **moved** to approve the Agenda and to keep item 6 on the agenda for discussion only; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Leah Grant, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Glen Boje, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
John Adler, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Nanette Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Andre Koch, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Johna Thomson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Casey Sadler, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Rick Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Holly Armstrong, Black Diamond spoke to Council.
Ceres Rafiq, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation – Award of Merit

Commander Martinez presented Addisyn Sawyer with an award of merit for her courageous actions in saving the life of her grandfather. She displayed extraordinary bravery and calm under intense pressure when her grandfather was found unresponsive and jumped right in with lifesaving actions.

Presentation – Recognition for Sunrise Resort Partnership

Chief Kiblinger reported that the owners of Sunrise Resort could not make the meeting tonight, however they were able to meet up at the resort on Tuesday and present them with an award and gift certificate for allowing free moorage for over 26 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) AB25-066 – Finance – 2024 Annual Report

Finance Director Mason reported to Council on this item. He shared what an annual report is, why we report, and when the report is due. He touched on accounting policies, fund types, and budget compliance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- 2) Claim Checks** – July 17, 2025, Check No. 56265 through Check No. 56296 in the amount of \$197,475.44
- 3) Payroll** – June 2025, Check No. 20525 through Check No. 20534 and ACH's in the amount of \$641,518.63
- 4) AB25-067** – Ordinance Amending BDMC 8.02.170 and 8.02.170 and 8.02.190 Pertaining to Code Enforcement Fees

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Services – discussion only

City Administrator O'Neill shared that staff would be providing financial information at the August 7th Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

5) AB25-068 – Ordinance Regarding Code Amendment for Garbage Truck Weight Limit

Chief Kiblinger reported on this item and asked that a definition of a garbage truck be added into the code.

Councilmember Jones **moved** to adopt Ordinance No. 25-1226, amending Section 10.12.020 of the Municipal Code pertaining to exceptions to maximum gross weight, and including a definition of a garbage truck; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

6) AB25-069 – Lake Sawyer Regional Park Discussion

City Administrator O'Neill briefed the City Council on this agenda item.

The City Council engaged in a robust discussion on this matter. There was consensus to hold a special work session to discuss this further.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending King County Metro skateboard meeting, Chamber golf event, flood control district meeting, opening day of the King County Fair, and meeting at the Skatepark with King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn for pictures as well as some other kids with skateboards

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Peterson: No report

Councilmember Jones: No report

Councilmember Page: No report

Councilmember Deady thanked everyone who came out for Miners Day to celebrate our past and moving into the future. She reported attending the Chamber golf tournament and now she is getting ready for Labor Days which is coming up fast.

Councilmember Nielsen recognized our young hero tonight and is very proud of our helpers in our community. She reported attending Miners Day and noted there were lots of helpers at the event and the museum. She participated in a tour of the cemetery that

was done by King County TV and shared that the city staff members were very knowledgeable.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Andre Koch, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Johna Thomson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Chief Judkins noted sending her monthly report today to Council. She reminded folks that the burn ban is still in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:59 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that the Council would be going into executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session was expected to last 10 minutes with possible action to follow. Councilmembers exited the Chambers to the patrol room and the executive session started at 9:01 p.m.

At 9:11 p.m. a ten-minute extension to the executive session was announced.

Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 9:21 p.m.

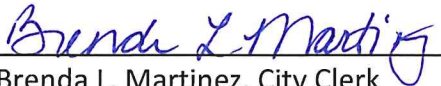
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Jones. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 9:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk