

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Council Meeting of September 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Oglesbee, Wisnoski, de Leon, O'Donnell, Page. (Councilmember Deady was not present during roll call and entered the meeting at 6:34 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councilmember Mulvihill (excused)

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

WORK SESSION:

1) Discussion Regarding Possible Uses for ARPA 2022 Funds, Including Funding for Black Diamond Community Center to administer Rent and Utility Assistance

Mayor Benson stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to have a discussion regarding possible uses for ARPA funding, including funding for the Black Diamond Community Center to administer rent and utility assistance. She noted that because of the water issue, staff came up with a spreadsheet showing possible uses for this year's funding and wanting to get buy-in from Council. Council would have a lot more discretion for next year's uses.

Finance Director Miller shared a worksheet she prepared showing the expected ARPA funds for the City along with possible uses for this year's funding. She discussed each of the three possible uses: 1) Assist Black diamond residents with past due rent and utilities assistance, 2) Fund a portion of the North Commercial Watermain Distribution Upgrade, and 3) Cover costs of City COVID related PPE, legal and technology. During Ms. Miller's presentation she suggested that the City not use ARPA funding for item 3, but rather fund these expenditures through city funds.

There was Council discussion regarding the proposed uses with City Attorney Linehan suggesting that Council continue this conversation at their regular meeting tonight at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

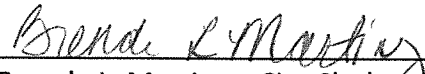
Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Wisnoski. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

The meeting ended at approximately 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk