

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of May 18, 2023
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, Smith, Douglass, Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones (Councilmember Page was not present during roll call and joined the meeting at 7:22 p.m. via Zoom)

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; Rob Reed, IS Manager; and Jake Kapsandy, IT Staff.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Grazyna Prouty, Kent spoke to Council.

Jan Molinaro, Mayor of City of Enumclaw, spoke to the Council on behalf of Sounds Cities Association.

Dave Beck, Kent spoke to Council.

Nanette Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Oath of Office – Police Officer Anna Brandt

Mayor Benson administered the oath of office to our new police officer, Anna Brandt.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 1) **Claim Checks** – May 18, 2023, Check No. 52928 through Check No. 52997 (voids 52090, 52365) and EFTs in the amount of \$1,294,270.85
- 2) **Payroll** – April 2023, Check No. 20294 through No. 20301 and ACHs in the amount of \$481,093.41
- 3) **Minutes** –Special Meeting of April 27, 2023, and Council Meeting of May 4, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4) **AB23-023** – Resolution Authorizing Agreement with King County Regarding Water Quality Monitoring on Lake Sawyer

Public Works Director Hanis reported on this item.

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1545, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with King County to provide water quality monitoring, lab services, and volunteer training for Lake Sawyer through 2025; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Judkins updated Council on the lighting strike that hit a tree at a residence on Roberts Drive and stated that Justin Trout will be starting Monday as their new Deputy Chief. On behalf of Mountain View Fire, she presented council member Deady with a civilian hero award for her assistance last week with a medical emergency involving some bio-hazards at the antique store.

Police – Chief Kiblinger presented to Council her report and noted Coffee with a Cop is this Saturday at 10 a.m at Ten Trails and the DARE graduation is June 15th. She mentioned that three officers are attending marine training next week.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported attending SCA Strong Mayors meeting and announced Gomer Evans' Service. She also reporting attending the South-End Mayor's meeting and Helen Bitner day at the Black Diamond Community Center, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mulvihill reported attending celebration for Helen Bitner, PSRC Passport Comp Plan seminar, she shared items that were discussed at the Planning and Community Services Council Committee. She noted that park benches are being installed in the pocket park at the museum, as well discussing the naming of the museum park "Gomer Evans Memorial Park" with the dedication scheduled for Miners Day on July 15th. She stated that staff has requested a grant extension for the skate park and the Disc Golf Association would like to build and maintain a course near the park at Lake Sawyer so a contract will need to be put together.

Councilmember de Leon reported being happy to hear the ways we can honor the legacy of Gomer Evans. She discussed responding to ongoing questions about wake surfing. She shared hearing from a resident that SE Lake Sawyer has speeding issues and the interest in speed bumps and referred to committees through an email. She reminded everyone that the Council retreat is this Saturday at the Black Diamond Bakery and to contact her with further questions.

Councilmember Jones reported 2,500 trout being put in Lake Sawyer and shared that fishing is a fun thing to do on Lake Sawyer. His main safety concern is to be mindful of the cool lake temperatures and to wear a life jacket. He announced that next Wednesday is the Tri-City meeting and invited people to attend.

Councilmember Page – no report.

Councilmember Deady reported attending the PIC meeting and shared the items that were discussed at the Public Safety Council Committee meeting. She attended the Community Development meeting, as well as Helen Bitner day at the Community Center. She expressed that she loved how the young gentlemen came tonight to address the Council about honoring Gomer Evans. She also discussed the flower baskets on Railroad Avenue being purchased through the Enumclaw School District PTO.

Councilmember Douglass reported having the opportunity to sit in on a DARE class, and complimented Officer Hershaw for leading this class. He shared that last Thursday was Fentanyl Awareness Event at Enumclaw High School and encouraged citizens to educate themselves on this as it could save a loved one. He also touched on the Blake decision and noted the legislature in their special session adopted the Blake fix.

Councilmember Smith reported looking forward to the Council retreat and encouraged folks to attend. He discussed opioids being strong and their addictiveness and then add fentanyl on top of that this is something we need to be aware of and education is key.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Jones, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Nanette Stocks, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Lisa Winters, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

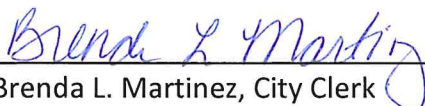
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember de Leon. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk