

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Special Meeting of November 2, 2023**  
**Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person**  
**Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Deady, Douglass, Smith, Mulvihill, de Leon, Jones, Page

**ABSENT:** None

Staff present: Xavier Mason and Mayener Miller, Finance Directors; Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; Rob Reed, IS Manager; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR

**WORK SESSION:**

1) Review of 2024 Preliminary Budget of Revenue Sources including Possible Increase in Property Taxes; Review of Two Possible Property Tax Ordinances, on to Set Assessed Valuation and Total and One to Adopt Percentage of Property Tax Increase from Last Year

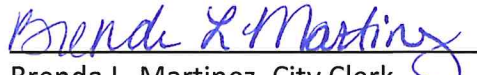
During the meeting finance staff reviewed the revenue sources for 2024 and explained how those revenues are used. It was explained that the City is very dependent on property tax money and those funds are 100% dedicated to Public Safety. They reviewed the property tax history for Black Diamond and the amount that is anticipated to be collected in 2024. The 1% cap was also discussed and how it doesn't keep up with inflation; the amount the city would receive if the 1% was adopted would be approximately \$21,125. They reviewed with the Council how property taxes are distributed and shared the 2024 tax roll levy limit worksheet from King County. They explained how the formulas work and touched on the two proposed ordinances that would need to be adopted by the City Council should they decide to approve the 1% increase.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (7-0). The meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Benson, Mayor

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk