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Mayor, Carol Benson

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Position 6 - Vacant

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City Offices will be closed on the following days:

11/11 - Veterans Day

11/26 and 11/27 - Thanksgiving

12/25 - Christmas Day

This year has certainly not been a typical year for any of us. It has been a year full of changes due to COVID-19 and it's far reaching effects of how we do business and interact socially.

During these uncertain times, it's nice to know there is one thing we can count on, our wonderful seasons in the Pacific Northwest. Fall has arrived! The trees are starting to sport their fall colors, the nights are getting cooler, and before we know it the holiday season will be upon us. This time of year, is also a very busy time for the City, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the following announcements and updates.



City Offices – I want to remind everyone that while City offices remain closed to the public due to the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order, staff continues to work Monday-Friday to assist you by phone or email during normal business hours. Customer service remains a top priority so please reach out to them should you need assistance at 360-851-4500.



Please note City offices will not be open to the public until our County reaches Phase 3.

Economic Hardship Assistance – I am pleased to announce that the City of Black Diamond was awarded a Federal COVID Cares Grant. A portion of the grant allowed the City to partner with the Black Diamond Community Center to administer \$35,750 to residents experiencing an economic hardship due to COVID-19. The Black Diamond Community Center was successfully able to help 45 Black Diamond residents who suffered an economic hardship because of the virus. That number includes 42 who received rental assistance and three who received utility bill assistance. And there's more good news, the City was recently awarded additional grant monies and has sent the Black Diamond Community Center another \$35,000 to continue helping additional residents. For more information regarding the additional funds or to apply please call Cheryl Hanson at the Black Diamond Community Center 360-886-1011. I want to thank the Black Diamond Community Center for successfully administering this grant and helping those residents in need of assistance during this difficult time.

Council Vacancy Position #6 – In August Councilmember Nelson resigned from the City Council creating a council vacancy. The recruitment process solicited applications from interested citizens and the City received five applications. At the September 17, 2020 Council meeting four of the applicants were interviewed as one did not attend the meeting. It is anticipated Council will make an appointment at the October 1, 2020 regular business meeting. This appointment will end when the November 2021 election is certified.

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2021 Operating Budget – I, along with City staff, and especially the Finance Department, have been very busy focusing on the 2021 Preliminary Budget that was presented to the City Council at a special meeting held on September 24, 2020. Once again, the focus has been to prepare a budget that addresses current needs, while at the same time being mindful of future needs. You can read more about the budget process below.

Town Hall Meetings – On October 8, 2020 the City will be holding a virtual Town Hall meeting at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall meetings are held twice a year on the second Thursdays in the months of March and October. I encourage you to please join this meeting to talk with your Councilmembers on any concern, issue, or questions you may have.



City Website Update – Staff is currently working on getting the new website up and running. Once the new website is launched please note the City's current website will be brought down and will no longer be able to be accessed by residents. We look forward to getting the new website up and running and appreciate your patience while we've had to navigate through many unforeseen operational changes at the city.

In closing, I continue to be impressed by the hard work and expertise of all staff and appreciate the support of Council and our citizens as we navigate through this difficult time. I urge you to continue to be involved in this wonderful community and should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, Councilmembers, or city staff.

Stay safe and healthy, *Mayor Carol Benson*



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

City Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2021

All City departments have been busy preparing the City's annual operating budget for 2021. The Operating Budget funds services associated with public safety, public works, parks, planning, permitting and other municipal services.

The budget tells the City's financial story and set spending targets for the programs and services that city residents receive. During August and September the Finance Department updated 2021 revenue forecasts for the General Fund and other funds using 2020 trends, growth projections and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other agencies.

An update on 2021 budgeted revenue and expenditure trends was reviewed with Council at a work study on September 24th. A summary of proposed 2021 budget totals for all city funds was also presented. Other work studies are scheduled for Council on October 22nd and 29th.

Public hearings are scheduled for November 5th, 19th and 30th. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the budget calendar below and stay up to date at the City's website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or contact the Finance Department at (360) 851-4500 for any questions you may have.

Dates of Future Meetings	City 2021 Planning and Budget Calendar
10/22/2020 – 5:30 pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	Work study on the General Fund
10/29/2020 – 5:30 pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	Work study of Public Works and Capital Projects, Misc. budgets
11/05/2020 - 6:00 pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	Work study of Revenue Sources and Property Tax Levy
11/05/2020 - 7:00 pm <i>Regular Council Meeting</i>	1st Public Hearing on revenue sources & Property Tax Levy
11/19/2020 - 7:00 pm <i>Regular Council Meeting</i>	2nd Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget
11/19/2020 - 7:00 pm <i>Regular Council Meeting</i>	Adopt Property Tax Ordinances
11/30/2020 - 7:00 pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	Final Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget
11/30/2020 - 7:00 pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	Adoption of the 2021 Budget

Police Department

The Black Diamond Police Department is committed in providing professional and quality service to our community. We want to continue our partnership and ensure we maintain the trust and confidence of our city. Together, we can deter crime and continue to make our city one of the safest communities in the State. Thank you for your continued support and each of us are grateful and honored to serve you.



SHUT OUT Burglars

5 Key Components

WHEN APPLIED TOGETHER, THESE FIVE ITEMS SERVE TO HELP PREVENT RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES.

- **Surveillance**

The ability for people to see and be seen by day and by night

- **Lighting**

Interior and exterior, on timers when it starts to get dark

- **Physical Security**

Locks, hardware and structural elements

- **Evidence of Activity**

Providing a sense of occupancy at all times

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Neighbors watching out for each other

Crime Prevention Tips

Criminals focus on easy targets. Your job is to make it difficult for them to choose you. Here are a list of tips and links to keep yourself, your family, your home and your valuables safe.

Safeguard Your Home

- 1) Make it a routine to lock your doors and windows, especially at night and when you're away.
- 2) Lock up your outdoor ladders and tools so they can't be used to gain entry into your home.
- 3) Be wary of anyone who approaches your front door and don't let them take up too much of your time. Criminals work together; one will come to your door and distract you while the other sneaks into your home.
- 4) Ask for an ID of a utility person or suspicious solicitor.
- 5) Be a good neighbor, lookout for one another.
- 6) Unusual, excessive dog barking could be a sign of an intruder and may warrant a call to the Police Department.
- 7) Report suspicious activity to the Black Diamond Police Department by calling 9-1-1.

Prevent Crimes While On Vacation

- 1) Lock up your home, activate your alarm.
- 2) DO NOT share your vacation plans on social media, or at least wait until you get back!
- 3) Hold the delivery of your mail and newspaper or ask a trusted neighbor to pick them up for you.
- 4) Buy a timer for your lights and set them in a random pattern.
- 5) Ask a neighbor, to occasionally park in your driveway.
- 6) Sign up for a FREE vacation check by completing a vacation check request and delivering it to your police station at 25510 Lawson St., Black Diamond, WA.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in October. For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support, and a nice little break from the busyness of the real world. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year.

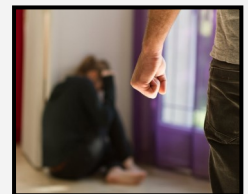
- Every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other.
- 1 in 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.

People who are in an abusive relationship will stay with their partner for a number of reasons:

- Their self-esteem is destroyed, and they are made to feel they will never be able to find another person to be with.
- The cycle of abuse, meaning the 'honeymoon phase' that follows physical and mental abuse, makes them believe their partner really is sorry and does love them.
- It's dangerous to leave. Women are 70 times more likely to be killed in the weeks after leaving their abusive partner than at any other time in the relationship, according to the Domestic Violence Intervention program.
- Statistics suggest that almost 5 percent of male homicide victims each year are killed by an intimate partner.
- They feel personally responsible for their partner, or their own behavior. They are made to feel like everything that goes wrong is their fault.
- They share a life. Marriages, children, homes, pets, and finances are a big reason victims of abuse feel they can't leave.

Use #DomesticViolenceAwareness to post on social media. Sometimes, people don't know if they are really in an abusive relationship because they're used to their partner calling them crazy or making them feel like all the problems are their own fault. Here are a few ways to know if you're in an abusive relationship that you need to get out of.

- 1) Your partner has **hit you, beat you, or strangled you** in the past.
- 2) Your partner is **possessive**. They check up on you constantly wondering where you are; they get mad at you for hanging out with certain people if you don't do what they say.
- 3) Your partner is **jealous**. (A small amount of jealousy is normal and healthy) however, if they accuse you of being unfaithful or isolate you from family or friends, that means the jealousy has gone too far.
- 4) Your partner **puts you down**. They attack your intelligence, looks, mental health, or capabilities. They blame you for all of their violent outbursts and tell you nobody else will want you if you leave.
- 5) Your partner **threatens** you or your family.
- 6) Your partner **physically and sexually abuses you**. If they EVER push, shove, or hit you, or make you have sex with them when you don't want to, they are abusing you (**even if it doesn't happen all the time.**)





CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 1st @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
 October 8th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
 October 8th @ 7 p.m. (Town Hall Meeting)
 October 15th @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
 October 22nd @ 5:30 p.m. (Special Meeting)
 October 29th @ 5:30 p.m. (Special Meeting)
 November 5th @ 6 p.m. (Special Meeting)
 November 5th @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
 November 12th @ 6p.m. (Work Session)
 November 19th @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
 November 30th @ 7 p.m. (Special Meeting)
 December 3rd @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
 December 10th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
 December 17th @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

October 6th @ 6 p.m.
 November 10th @ 6 p.m.
 December 8th @ 6 p.m.

Council/Commission/Committee Meetings

Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Work Sessions are held the second Thursday of each month starting at 6 p.m. Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Council meeting at 6 p.m. of each month. If you'd like to be added to the Council Agenda or Planning Commission Agenda Distribution List, please email your request to: info@blackdiamondwa.gov.

Recently added Ordinances and Resolutions can be found on the City Clerks webpage at: www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk. Please contact the Clerk's office for more information 360-851-4564

Typically meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 25510 Lawson Street unless otherwise specified. **However, due to Covid-19, all meetings will be held via ZOOM until further notice.**



COMMUNITY CONTACTS

- * **Community Center 360-886-1011**
- * **Post Office 360-886-9429**
- * **Museum/Historical Society 360-886-2142**
- * **Library 360-886-1105**

Administration

Mayor Carol Benson

City Clerk/HR Manager

Brenda L. Martinez, MMC

Community Development

Barbara Kincaid

MDRT/Economic Development

Andrew Williamson

Public Works

Seth Boettcher

Finance

Mayene Miller

Police

Chief Jamey Kiblinger



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND CONTACTS

CITY HALL (Administration, Public Works, Community Development and MDRT/Economic Development)

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Mailing Address.....P.O. Box 599

Phone Numbers:

Main Line.....360-851-4500

Community Development.....360-851-4447

MDRT/Economic Development.....360-851-4448

Public Works.....360-851-4446

(Call the main line for any Public Works emergencies and use prompts)

Fax Number (for all departments listed above).....360-851-4501

MUNICIPAL COURT :

Physical Address.....25510 Lawson Street

Mailing Address25510 Lawson Street

Phone Number360-851-4490

Fax Number360-851-4491

Physical Address.....25510 Lawson Street

Mailing Address P.O. Box 309

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(EMERGENCIES)911

Fax Number360-851-4451

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(EMERGENCIES)911

POLICE DEPARTMENT :

FIRE DEPARTMENT: