



**Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Elizabeth Halili called the roll. The following were present:

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Philip Johnson, Deputy Mayor Cherish DesRochers, and Council members Tricia Davis, Shane Bowman, Troy McCoy, Adrian Cortes, and Dan Dingman.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Deputy Manager Rob Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Police Chief Mike Fort, Police Lieutenant Jason Perdue, Communications Manager/ Public Information Officer Alisha Smith (via Zoom), Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis (via Zoom), Human Resources Manager Tamara Gunter (via Zoom), Temporary Office Assistant Kay Kammer, and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

Mayor Johnson briefly spoke in remembrance of Battle Ground Police Sergeant Rick Kelly

**MOTION: Councilmember Bowman to approve the meeting agenda as presented.**

**SECOND: Councilmember Cortez.**

**VOTE: Motion carried. 7-0**

**SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7:02 p.m.**

Councilmember Reports

None.

Mayor's Report

- Planning Commission appointment, Position No. 7, David Palmer, term expiring December 31, 2024

**MOTION: Councilmember Bowman moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of David Palmer to the Planning Commission as presented.**

**SECOND: Councilmember McCoy.**

**VOTE: Motion carried. 7-0**

Presentations

- New Employee introduction and Oath of Office, Maxim Leha, Police Officer  
Chief Mike Fort introduced Officer Maxim Leha. Officer Leha took the Oath of Office.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

7:10 p.m.

Amy provided public comment regarding the preservation of the White Oaks at a planned subdivision in the City of Battle Ground.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

7:15 p.m.

- A. City Council meeting minutes of August 7, 2023.
- B. Claim Vouchers dated 8/10/2023, #93277-93281, in the amount of \$661,659.31.
- C. Payroll dated 8/10/2023, vouchers #29072 through #29078 in the amount of \$6,131.20 and direct deposits of \$272,232.74 for a total payroll of \$278,363.94

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Dingman.

**VOTE:** Motion carried. 7-0

**BUSINESS**

7:15 p.m.

**Resolution No. 23-09 Senior Activity Reimbursement Program: Motion**

Presented by Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery (360) 342-5025

Summary: Council will consider adoption of the resolution amending the annual allotment amount.

**MOTION:** Mayor Johnson moved to change the program end date from 2028 to 2033.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Cortez

The Council discussed the motion.

**AYES:** Councilmember Cortez, Councilmember DesRochers, Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Dingman

**NAYS:** Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember McCoy

**VOTE:** Motion Carried 4-3

**MOTION:** Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-09, amending the annual allotment amount for the Senior Activity Reimbursement Program as amended through 2023.

**SECOND:** Council member DesRochers.

**AYES:** Davis, DesRochers, Johnson, Bowman, Cortes, McCoy, and Dingman.

**NAY:** None.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 7-0

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

7:26 p.m.

None

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

7:26 p.m.

Mayor Johnson stated that he visited Moses Lake to view the city's license plate, red light, and speeding cameras.

Deputy City Manager Ferrier provided a report on the Moses Lake Vehicle License Readers (VLR) regarding the expense, funding, lease, reaction of the Moses Lake community, and functionality.

The Council discussed the report.

Councilmember Bowman noted that he would like further information on red light and speeding cameras for school zones.

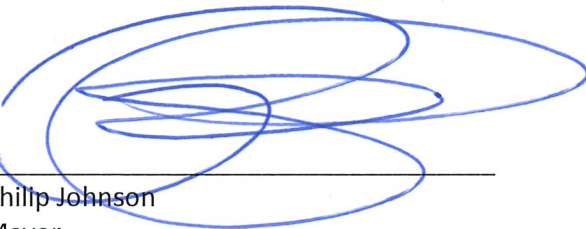
**COUNCIL DIRECTION: Council directed staff to further research the Vehicle License Readers (VLR), red light, and speeding cameras used at Moses Lake.**

Public Works Director Mark Herceg provided a brief report on the status of the City's flashing traffic signals and paving.

Mayor Johnson noted that the white lines in front of the community center are worn.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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Philip Johnson  
Mayor



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Elizabeth Halili  
City Clerk

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