

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 24, 2017  
6:00 P.M.



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### AGENDA

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**Location:** Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

- A. Flag Salute
- B. Roll Call: Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr., Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson.
- C. Agenda Modifications
- D. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:
  - 1. Announcements: None.
  - 2. Appointments:
    - a. **Oath of Office:** New Councilmember Michelle Surdez
  - 3. Presentations:
    - p. 5 a. **Proclamation:** Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2017
    - b. **Presentation:** Pierce County Library Strategic Plan – Georgia Lomax, Executive Director

#### II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Public Hearing: None.
- B. Citizen Comments:

*Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate at all Council Meetings. You may address the Mayor and City Council on matters of City business, or over which the City has authority, for up to 5 minutes. Sign-up is not required. When recognized by the Mayor, please state your name and address for the official record. Designated representatives recognized by the chair who are speaking on behalf of a group may have a total of 10 minutes to speak. Each citizen is allowed to speak only once during Citizen Comments.*
- C. Correspondence

**III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Finance Committee
- B. Community Development Committee
- C. Public Safety Committee
- D. Other Reports

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

*The items listed below may be acted upon by a single motion and second of the City Council. By simple request to the Chair, any Councilmember may remove items from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration after the adoption of the remainder of the Consent Agenda items.*

- p. 7 A. **Approval of Minutes:** September 19, 2017 Workshop, September 26, 2017 Meeting, and October 10, 2017 Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77520-#77549 in the amount of \$161,440.21. Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77550-#77609 (including wire transfers #20170915, #201709051, #201709052, #201709053, #201709054, #201709055, #2017100301, #2017100302, #2017100303, #2017100304 and #2017100305) in the amount of \$904,893.50. Accounts Payable wire transfer #2017101701 in the amount of \$38,413.88 for P-Card Purchases. VOIDS: Check # 77439- Reissued with Check # 77534
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** October 1st-15th 2017 for checks #33595-33611 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$ 572,904.23.

**V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:** None

**IX. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:**

*Pursuant to RCW 42.30, the City Council may hold an executive or closed session. The topic(s) and duration will be announced prior to the session.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

*For citizens with disabilities requesting translators or adaptive equipment for communication purposes, the City requests notification as early as possible prior to the meeting regarding the type of service or equipment needed.*

**THE COUNCIL MAY ADD AND TAKE ACTION ON OTHER ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA**





**PROCLAMATION**

**Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a confrontation between family or household members involving physical harm, harassment, sexual assault, or reasonable fear of physical harm; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is not only a personal tragedy, but a crime that affects men, women, children, neighborhoods, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States - more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined; and

**WHEREAS**, children who grow up in violent homes are likely to also be abused and neglected; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bonney Lake believes that our community, including every residence, should be a place of safety for all individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City helps victims obtain resources and discuss safety plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's legal department prosecutes domestic violence related cases to hold perpetrators accountable for their actions

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that Bonney Lake once again declares October as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and encourages all citizens to actively stand against domestic violence in our community.

**Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.**

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Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor



## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

September 19, 2017

6:00 P.M.

### MINUTES



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**Location:** Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL:** Deputy City Clerk Susan Haigh called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Police Chief Dana Powers, Public Services Director John Vodopich, Assistant Public Works Director Ryan Johnstone, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, and Deputy City Clerk Susan Haigh.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mayor Johnson noted that Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis sent an email notifying him and the Council that she had resigned her office earlier in the evening. Councilmembers and Mayor Johnson expressed their appreciation for ex-Councilmember Minton-Davis' service to the City Council. City Administrator Morrison suggested the Council take action to formally recognize her service at a future Council Meeting.

**A. Discussion:** Utility Rates (Ordinance D17-99 Water Rates and Ordinance D17-100 Sewer Rates)

City Administrator Morrison reviewed past recommendations by FCS Group, Council concerns with the level of proposed rate increases, and the revised proposals before the Council. He said staff worked with FCS Group and RH2 to review and reduce items on the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) list. The revised ordinances propose increasing both water and sewer rates at 4% per year for the next four years. He confirmed the smaller rate increase delays and/or defers several CIP projects. Director Vodopich explained the internal process to review and revise the CIP with input from staff. City Administrator Morrison said RH2 also calculated funds needed to design sewer service for the Cedarview neighborhood, and suggested an additional 1/2 percent sewer rate increase to cover those costs.

Councilmember Lewis said the lower, flat increases proposed should be more palatable to ratepayers as compared with the original proposal for a 9% increase in the first year. He said he would support increases of up to 5% per year.

Councilmember Watson spoke in support of the 4% increase. He said when the Council voted against rate increases in 2012 he did not realize how significant the impacts would be. City Administrator Morrison said the increases proposed today help return rates to those in place prior to 2012 decreases. Councilmember Rackley spoke in favor of increasing water and sewer rates by 4.5%. Deputy Mayor McKibbin confirmed that the additional 1/2 percent would fund the design of sewer service for the Cedarview neighborhood. Councilmember Watson said he would support up to a 4% increase for water and 4.5% increase for sewer.

Mayor Johnson asked whether there was Council consensus. City Administrator Morrison said based on Council comments he would revise the draft ordinance to show a 4.5% increase for sewer and a 4% increase in water each year for the next 5 years. The revised draft ordinances were forwarded to the September 26, 2017 Meeting for action by Council consensus.

City Administrator Morrison said the City Attorney has made minor revisions to the adjustment language which will be reflected in the revised draft. Councilmember Lewis said he will not attend the next two meetings but he supports approval of both ordinances.

**B. Review of Draft Minutes:** September 5, 2017 Workshop and September 12, 2017 Meeting.

The minutes were forwarded to the September 26, 2017 Meeting for action with minor corrections.

**C. Council Open Discussion:**

Beautify Bonney Lake: Councilmember Evans said over 500 people attended Beautify Bonney Lake on September 16, 2017. They had great participation and weather, and finished a lot of projects thanks to the hard-working volunteers. Councilmember Watson thanked Public Works staff for helping prepare tools and supplies to get everything ready for the event, and everything to help clean up. Mayor Johnson said this is the biggest event in Pierce County and he hopes it will get more attention from local media outlets in the future.

Communities for Families: Councilmember Watson said he attended the CFF meeting on September 7, 2017 and Don Morrison and David Wells presented information on events and activities in the City of Bonney Lake.

Public Safety: Councilmember Watson said the Council received another email from a resident concerned about transients at city buildings. Chief Powers said they are working with members of the community, checking on safety at the building, and working with the City attorney. She said the individual has mental

health issues and there has not yet been evidence of any crime at the City building. An outreach group is working to find a placement for one individual. City Attorney Haggard explained the situation and said cities are limited in setting laws against loitering or homelessness. Chief Powers confirmed the individual has been trespassed from private properties elsewhere in the City. She said he cannot be trespassed from a public building unless a crime has been committed.

Dispatch Services: Councilmember Swatman said he has learned that adult care facilities sometimes call dispatch for assistance with lifting patients. He asked if Public Safety committee could review city regulations on nursing homes and other care facilities. Councilmember Swatman asked about South Sound 911 (SS911) dispatch referring calls made near state highways to the State Patrol instead of the local agency nearby. He asked for a contact person at SS911; Chief Powers said she is working to get this information to the Council. Councilmember Lewis said he was involved in a motor vehicle accident last week and he had a good experience and quick response from dispatch and local police.

**D. Discussion:** Process to Select Councilmembers for Vacant Positions.

City Administrator Morrison explained state and local regulations to fill vacancies on the City Council. He recommended the City advertise for the remaining term of ex-Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis’s vacant position, followed by interviews during an open public session. The Council’s rules state candidates must reside inside the City limits. The appointee would serve the remainder of her term, through December 2019.

Councilmembers discussed posting the vacancy on the City’s employment website and posting a notice in the official newspaper, with a deadline in the next couple of weeks. City Administrator Morrison said staff will work on preparing the announcement and application as soon as possible.

**IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 6:52 p.m. the Workshop was adjourned by common consent of the Council.**

**Motion to adjourn approved 6 – 0.**

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Harwood Edvalson, MMC  
City Clerk

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Neil Johnson, Jr.  
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the September 19, 2017 Workshop: None.



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 26, 2017  
6:00 P.M.



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### MINUTES

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**Location:** Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Flag Salute: Deputy Mayor McKibbin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call: Deputy City Clerk Susan Haigh called the roll. Elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers Lewis and Rackley were absent.

**Councilmember Watson moved to excuse Councilmember Lewis and Councilmember Rackley. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 4 – 0.**

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Police Chief Dana Powers, Public Services Director John Vodopich, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Human Resources Manager Jenna Richardson, and Deputy City Clerk Susan Haigh.

- C. Agenda Modifications: None.
- D. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:
  - 1. Announcements: None.
  - 2. Appointments:
    - a. **AB17-98** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Confirming The Mayor’s Re-Appointment of Ronald D. Heslop As Municipal Judge.

**Councilmember Evans moved to approve the motion.  
Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 4 – 0.**

## 3. Presentations:

- a. **Presentation:** AWC Retro Safety Coordinator Certificates – Mike Claunch, Heather Czaplinski and Stacey Lamond.

Human Resources Manager Jenna Richardson described the Association of Washington Cities Retro Safety Coordinator program and presented certificates to the staff members. She said they have done a great job completing trainings and bringing information back to the City and the staff Safety Committee. Councilmembers thanked the staff members for their hard work. City Administrator Morrison said participation in the program has brought significant insurance savings to the City, as well.

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. Public Hearings: None.

- B. Citizen Comments:

Loren Lee, 18109 96th St Ct E, Bonney Lake, spoke as a new resident in Bonney Lake and also as a representative of the Carrarra Homeowners Association in Auburn (Lakeland Hills). He questioned whether the proposed ordinances before the Council would increase water and sewer rates by 9 percent. Director Vodopich explained the proposed rates before the Council currently are an increase of 4% for water and 4.5% for sewer. Mr. Lee asked about requirements for a quorum; City Attorney Haggard said four councilmembers are needed for a quorum.

- C. Correspondence: None.

**III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Finance Committee: Councilmember said the Committee met at 5:00 p.m. earlier in the evening and discussed various issues.
- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Swatman said the Committee met on September 19 and discussed the Veterans Memorial project.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Watson said the Committee met earlier in the evening at 4:00 p.m. and discussed reports and traffic emphasis program. The Committee forwarded AB17-92 to a future meeting for Council action.
- D. Other Reports: None.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** September 5, 2017 Workshop and September 12, 2017 Meeting.

- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77360-#77380 in the amount of \$812,036.24. Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77381-#77420 (including wire transfers #20170908) in the amount of \$163,446.79. Accounts Payable wire transfer #2017091701 in the amount of \$41,792.54 for P-Card Purchases. VOIDS: None.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** September 1st-15th 2017 for checks #33559-33574 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$ 600,803.89.
- D. **AB17-93** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Accept As Complete The Emergency Sewer Valve Replacement Project With Tucci And Sons, Inc.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

**Consent Agenda approved 4 – 0.**

**V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:**

- A. **AB17-99 – Ordinance D17-99** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.04 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Nos. 1277, 1356, 1374, 1429, 1465, 1476, 1541, And 1576 Relating To An Increase In Water Rates And Charges.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance D17-99.  
Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

**Councilmember Watson moved to table proposed Ordinance D17-99 to the next Meeting for consideration. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

**Motion to table Ordinance D17-99 to  
October 10, 2017 approved 4 – 0.**

- B. **AB17-100- Ordinance D17-100** –An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.12 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Nos. 1465, 1565, And 1577 Relating To Sewer Rates And Charges.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance D17-100. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

**Councilmember Watson moved to table proposed Ordinance D17-100 to the next Meeting for consideration. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

**Motion to table Ordinance D17-100 to October 10, 2017 approved 4 – 0.**

- C. **AB17-77 – Resolution 2607** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Purchase Cityworks Asset Management Software And Award The Professional Services Agreement With The Timmons Group For The Implementation, Training, And Support Of The Cityworks Software.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve Resolution 2607. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Watson spoke in support of the proposed Resolution and said it is important to move forward and implement the software. Councilmember Evans said he has met with Superintendent of Public Works Ryan Johnstone, and spoke in support of the program. He said it is a big program, but should be a good investment in the City’s future. Councilmember Swatman thanked the Council for having extended conversations about the proposed program. He said he has experience with this type of system, which represents a big change to department processes and culture and takes significant time and effort to implement. He said he looks forward to hearing reports as the program progresses.

**Resolution 2607 approved 4 – 0.**

**IX. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 6:18 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by common consent of the City Council.**

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Harwood Edvalson, MMC  
City Clerk

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Neil Johnson, Jr.  
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the September 26, 2017 Meeting: None.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2017  
6:00 P.M.



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MINUTES

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**Location:** Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- A. Flag Salute: At Mayor Johnson’s invitation, Justin Potter of Boy Scout Troop 548 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - B. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin was absent.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to excuse the absence of Deputy Mayor McKibbin. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 5 – 0.**

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Police Chief Dana Powers, Public Services Director John Vodopich, and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

- C. Agenda Modifications: None.
- D. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:
  - 1. Announcements:
    - a. **Proclamation:** Recognizing National Arts Month – October 2017. Mayor Johnson read the proclamation to the audience.
  - 2. Appointments:
    - a. **AB17-103** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Ratifying The Mayor’s Appointment Of Molly Williams To The Arts Commission (Position 1) For A Term Ending April 6, 2019.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve the motion ratifying the appointment of Arts Commissioner Molly Williams. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 5 - 0.**

## 3. Presentations:

a. **Oath of Office:** Judge Ronald Heslop.

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson administered the oath of office to Judge Heslop.

b. **Oath of Office:** Police Officer Justin Paulson.

Judge Heslop administered the oath of office to Police Officer Justin Paulson.

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**A. Public Hearings: None.B. Citizen Comments:

Scott Anderson, 9901 197<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, spoke on behalf of the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society to promote the Santa Breakfast at Applebee's on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 - 10 a.m. He said the Society receives 50% of the proceeds from this event. He said there are additional fund raising activities occurring during the breakfast including raffles and entertainment. Their goal is to raise \$5,000 for the operations of the Society.

Mary Sullivan, 20518 Church Lake Drive E, Bonney Lake, expressed concern about sewer and water rates. She said when they built their home in 2007 they paid tens of thousands of dollars for impact fees. They own their own grinder pump. She acknowledged the difficulty of operating and maintaining these systems, but asked for more information regarding the specific projects to which the increased rates will be applied. She asked for more information on the structure of the rates and if there can be something done about the year-over-year increase in those rates. She said she is aware of many who are concerned about this topic.

Mayor Johnson identified Director John Vodopich as the appropriate person to provide the requested information. He proposed to Council that a special meeting might be scheduled to address the concerns of the assembled audience. Councilmember Rackley spoke in favor of such a meeting. Councilmember Swatman said he was confident the City's qualified staff can find ways to reduce the anticipated increases. He said he is not personally in favor of the current proposed direction. He urged the audience to call their councilmembers. He said he would personally be happy to spend time reviewing the issues and responding to questions. Mayor Johnson suggested those in the audience who wish to participate in a future meeting give their contact information to Director Vodopich. He noted there would be a signup sheet available in the lobby outside the Council chambers. Councilmember Watson also spoke in favor of a special meeting, but didn't feel the item should be tabled. Councilmember Evans also spoke in favor of voting on

the ordinances. He said he believes each councilmember understands the issues at hand, have heard from concerned citizens and are ready to vote this evening. Mayor Johnson said the Council could decide how to proceed at the appropriate point in the agenda.

**Mayor Johnson asked for Council support to reorder the agenda to move up the water and sewer rate ordinances to immediately follow the Citizen Comment period. There was general consensus of the Council to reorder the agenda as proposed.**

Kayla Hunter, 17711 115<sup>th</sup> St E, Bonney Lake, believes the issues are concerns about the rates and the number of individuals who have received letters indicating they may have leaks, when in fact they don't. She says their water usage hasn't changed, but their bill has more than doubled in excess of the rate increases.

Councilmember Watson noted there were 375 customers who received letters of possible high usage/leaks.

Jerimy Kirschner, 18311 104<sup>th</sup> St Ct E, Bonney Lake, said his concern is getting more information out to the people. He said he looked at the City website, but was unable to determine where this information is available. He suggested getting more information out to allow citizens to crowd-source potential solutions. He said he would like to have the information available before a special meeting is held. He suggested looking at other jurisdictions to see how they handle their rates and improvements. He said the assembled group wants to be productive and helpful members of the community to resolve these concerns.

Mayor Johnson asked City Administrator Morrison to comment on when the rate study was done. Administrator Morrison said many here tonight are coming in at the end of over a year-long process, which included rate consultants, engineers, the State of Washington, the Council, workshops and public hearings. He said the extremely dry spell experienced this past summer and fall have driven up consumption and the costs associated with producing water and for the consumer purchasing water. He said the water meters are pretty accurate. The letters were a warning based on apparent usage. He explained that the more water used, the higher the rates applied due to the City's tiered rate system, which is used to encourage conservation. He said the Department of Health and the City's consultants are recommending steeper increases than what the Council is contemplating. He said the City's rates are generally in line with the surrounding jurisdictions.

Cindy Gilsing, 184<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, received a letter of possible leaks, but the City came out and there was no leak. She said she knew she was using less water because her lawn had gone brown due to a non-functioning sprinkler system and she had installed low flow toilets as well. She said the water use reflected on her bill had gone from 1800 cubic feet to 6000+ cubic feet. Her bill increased from an average of \$71 to \$322. She said she posted this concern to the Nextdoor

Neighbor social media site and received over 150 responses of similar concern from residents. She said one man reported an increase in his utility bill from an average of \$140 per month to \$1200 per month. She questioned whether the infrastructure being built with the increased rates is benefitting the new residential and commercial development occurring in the City. She suggested the new development should pay for the new infrastructure. She expressed concern that people will have to leave the City, particularly those on fixed incomes. She questioned whether the City's rates are comparable to other neighboring cities.

Chris Leyba, 178011 16<sup>th</sup> St Ct E, Bonney Lake, partially agrees that this issue should be tabled and discussed later. He said the information is available in the meeting agendas and minutes, however, it is difficult to track down on the website. He said water issues and rates will only continue to worsen in the State of Washington. He said in his employment with another city that they have noticed the city's website and social media can be used effectively to disseminate information and calm the public sentiment. He urged using these avenues to make the information available to the public before the town hall meeting to discuss the water and sewer rates.

Adam McLean, 5646 195<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, said he successfully reduced consumption over last year, yet his water charges increased by \$50 more than a year ago. He asked the Council, if they have a choice, to vote no on the increase.

Beth Doyle, 7723 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, said she used much less water than she ever did in Federal Way, however her fees were \$50 more. She said she feels she shouldn't have to choose between water conservation/cost and doing laundry, bathing her children or rinsing recyclable containers. She urged the Council to vote no, at least until a more in depth discussion on the issues can take place.

Jeff Rosendahl, 20308 Church Lake Drive E, Bonney Lake, moved to the City in April. He's only had three full water bills from Bonney Lake. His meter is not an automatic meter. His second bill is \$3,780. He said the City suspected a leak, and he found and repaired a small leak. He does not believe the size was sufficient to warrant a bill of that size. He said he tried to work with the City's utilities and was given payment options, but no other relief. He is now facing a disconnect notice for the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month. He said there appears to be no working with the City as far as public utilities are concerned.

Doug Willrich, 18605 68<sup>th</sup> St E, Bonney Lake, said he is lending a voice to what's already been said. He said water and sewer rate increases have been at least an annual event in the last seven years. He said his consumption shows in excess of three times what was shown last year. He has no lawn and can't understand why his consumption is so high. He said he was offered an adjustment a couple years ago for a large leak, but this year no offer to adjust the bill for the high consumption was offered to him. He said the cost to connect to utilities makes selling his home to find a more affordable utility rate a very difficult proposition.

He said if you've paid off your mortgage, the cost of city utilities is far and away the biggest expense a homeowner faces.

Gwendolyn Fullerton, 9611 183<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, said she agrees that the water expenses are astronomical this year. However, she said spoke to encourage the Council to reconsider allowing the recreational marijuana shops in the City. She cited news stories of burglaries related to marijuana stores and suggested the City should not accept this exposure in the City. She suggested that the taxes associated with marijuana sales in the City would never diminish over the years and would never cover the added costs of providing security for the citizens. She concluded by asking the Council to table the decisions tonight on the water rates, as there appeared to be many in attendance who are concerned about this issue.

Jason Dalton, 8102 183<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, said he received no notice of potential leaks. He said he did water his lawn all summer, but although his bill doubled, he received no notice from the City. He urged monthly reading of the meters to increase accuracy and timeliness of notices. He asked the Council to hold off on the vote for the rate ordinances.

Jaime Cesarano, 19204 78<sup>th</sup> St E, Bonney Lake, asked the Council to table the new increases. She said it is too soon for another increase and her paychecks don't go up that fast. She asked the Council to table a decision and provide more information.

Steve Arnold, 11414 178<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ct E, Bonney Lake, said he also received no notice of high usage or a leak, yet his consumption showed almost double over last year. He said he does hand-water a small piece of grass in his front yard, and only has three people in his household. He said his water bill was \$291, higher than in Colorado, where water is scarce and where his bill never exceeded \$80. He asked the Council to address these numbers and the discrepancies that are being reported.

Adam McLean, 5646 195<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, asked if the rate increase is water only. He noted water used on lawns doesn't go into the sewer, and asked why the sewer bill increases so much.

Councilmember Swatman said that is part of a larger discussion, but there is a cap on the water consumption attributed to the sewer bill.

Tami Edgerly, 7903 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, said she's lived in Bonney Lake since 1997 and her water bill has never exceeded \$100. She said her bill for the last two months is \$500. She said the fire department filled her pool, but was not on the meter. Her grass is brown and she has installed low flow fixtures throughout her home. She said she's spoken recently with a real estate agent because she can't afford to live here with these expenses. She asked Council to table a decision saying there is something very wrong.

Greg Willging, 6709 W Tapps Hwy, Bonney Lake, said he has similar concerns to those the others who have addressed. He asked for clarification about the sewer

fees. He noted that water is not flowing into the sewers or storm drains, yet these fees are astronomical. He said the fees associated with the water rates create the big increase in the utility bills. He asked for more information to the public and questioned the impact of new development on existing customers.

Jerimy Kirschner, 18311 104<sup>th</sup> St Ct E, Bonney Lake, said that based on the numbers given tonight approximately 1.6% of the City's population received a leak notice. He felt this was too high. He asked if there should be an audit of the meter readings and how they are read. He said it appears to be more systemic than associated with small numbers of individuals.

Gary Mosher, 17801 101<sup>st</sup> St E, Bonney Lake, said his bills have gone up 9% over last year, but his October bill is up 24%. He said he is trying to keep his lawn green and have a nice looking community. He said his July/August bill is \$329 and his September/October bill is \$571. He said his bills were lower than his neighbors.

Chris Campbell, 11321 177<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, Bonney Lake, said he has six children and shouldn't have to wonder how often he can let them shower. He said his bill has doubled to \$497 and there are no leaks. He asked the Council to let the dust settle on the issue and look into what's going on. He said a 50% increase is too much.

Dennis Potter, 17701 101<sup>st</sup> St E, Bonney Lake, said he has a green lawn and hasn't adjusted the timing of his sprinklers for three years. He said his consumption last year for this same period was 74 cu ft. He said the current bill is for 130 cu ft. and he hasn't done anything different. Last year his bill was \$500 and this year the sewer and water bill is \$700. He said he was shocked to see the price for a green lawn double in a year, which has become too much for a retired person.

Dennis Lipurn, 8202 Locust Avenue, Bonney Lake, asked the Council to table their vote for this evening. He said his latest water bill was \$652. He said he is aware infrastructure is expensive to maintain, but there appears to be a problem here in Bonney Lake. He asked for further explanation. He also commented on the level of crime seen at his home and in the neighborhood and said the City does not need the increased crime associated with pot shops. He urged a no vote when that issue comes before the Council.

Scott Tanner, (no address given), said he appeared on KIRO TV last night. He thanked all who made an effort to be in attendance tonight. He said he's been a resident in Bonney Lake for four years. He asked what will be done about the cost of utility services. He said the community is good, but people will leave. He said his experience with the City employees is that everyone is respectful. He urged the audience to work with the City to achieve a resolution to the issues.

C. Correspondence:

City Clerk Edvalson noted that the Mayor received an email regarding water rates from William Austin. He said copies of the letter were distributed to the City

Council.

**III. ~~VIII.~~ FULL COUNCIL ISSUES: (Moved up on the agenda by Council consensus.)**

- A. **AB17-99 – Ordinance D17-99** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.04 Of The Bonney Lake And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Nos. 1277, 1356, 1374, 1429, 1465, 1476, 1541, And 1576 Relating To An Increase In Water Rates And Charges

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance D17-99.  
Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

**Councilmember Rackley moved to table Ordinance D17-99 to be re-calendared at the Mayor’s discretion. Councilmember Swatman seconded the motion.**

**Motion to table approved 3 - 2.  
Councilmembers Evans and Watson voted no.**

- B. **AB17-100 – Ordinance D17-100** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.12 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Nos. 1465, 1565, And 1577 Relating To Sewer Rates And Charges.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance D17-100.  
Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

**Councilmember Rackley moved to table Ordinance D17-100 to be re-calendared at the Mayor’s discretion. Councilmember Swatman seconded the motion.**

**Motion to table approved 4 - 1.  
Councilmember Evans voted no.**

**IV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Finance Committee: The Mayor said the meeting for this evening had been cancelled and the Committee would meet again in two weeks.
- B. Community Development Committee: Chairman Lewis said the next meeting will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Chairman Watson said the next meeting will occur on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- D. Other Reports: None.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77421-#77436 in the amount of \$87,005.91.Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77437-#77519 (including wire transfers #21582136) in the amount of \$346,107.60. Voids: Check # 77241- Reissued with Check # 77495, Check # 71031- Reissued with Check # 77437, Check # 76042- Reissued with Check # 77471.
- B. **Approval of Payroll:** September 16th -31st 2017 for checks #33575-33594 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$ 756,198.89.
- C. **AB17-92 –Resolution 2618 –** A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Sign A Service Agreement Between The City Of Bonney Lake, Washington And South Sound 911 For Continued Services.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

**Consent Agenda approved 5 - 0.**

**VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

**IX. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:12 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by common consent of the City Council.**

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Harwood Edvalson  
City Clerk

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Neil Johnson, Jr.  
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the October 10, 2017 Meeting:

- William Austin – Email to Mayor Johnson regarding Water and Sewer Increase.

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