

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**May 23, 2017
6:00 P.M.**



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DRAFT MINUTES

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: Mayor Johnson 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 Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

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

- C. Agenda Modifications: None.
- D. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:
 - 1. Announcements: None.
 - 2. Appointments: None.
 - 3. Presentations:

- a. **Presentation:** AB17-47 Stormwater Pollution Calendar Awards.

- Administrative Specialist Heather Czaplinski explained the stormwater art contest, which is part of the City’s outreach for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. She and Mayor Johnson presented the students with their awards.

- b. **Presentation:** 2016 Beautify Bonney Lake Event Highlights.

- Beautify Bonney Lake Executive Director Lillian McGinnis presented highlights from last year’s annual event. She thanked all who have volunteered and said the 14th annual event is on September 16, 2017. She presented the City of Bonney Lake with a 2017 Diamond Sponsor plaque.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Public Hearings: None.

B. Citizen Comments:

Roberta Sallustio, Bonney Lake, said she is involved in the Chamber of Commerce. She said she and other residents struggle with the high cost of water and spoke against proposed Ordinance D17-39 to increase water rates.

C. Correspondence:

City Clerk Woody Edvalson noted for the record that the Master Builders Association submitted a letter to the Council regarding draft Ordinance D17-40.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor McKibbin said the Committee will next meet on June 10, 2017.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Lewis said the Committee met on May 16, 2017 and forwarded three items to the current Consent Agenda for action.

C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Watson said the Committee met earlier in the day at 4:00 p.m. and discussed probation activities, crosswalks, animal services, and the Police Department crime report. He said they selected a location for an intersection improvement to add a crosswalk.

D. Other Reports: None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. **Approval of Minutes**: May 2, 2017 Workshop, May 9, 2017 Special Meeting, and May 9, 2017 Meeting.

B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers**: Accounts Payable check/vouchers #76367-76430 (including wire transfers #2017403 and 20170404) in the amount of \$305,203.94.
Accounts Payable check/vouchers #76431-76458 (including wire transfer #'s 20170532, 201704172, 201705031, and 201705033) in the amount of \$211,482.77.
Accounts Payable wire transfer #2017051701 in the amount of \$39,150.44 for P-card purchases.

C. **Approval of Payroll**: May 1st-15th 2017 for checks #33405-33424 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$ 535,843.98.

- D. **AB17-48 – Resolution 2592** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Approving The Professional Services Agreement With KPG Engineering For The SR 410 Sewer Bottleneck- Main Replacement.
- E. **AB17-49 – Resolution 2593** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Approving The Professional Services Agreement With Parametrix Engineering For The Trestle Replacement And Permitting.
- F. **AB17-44** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, to Accept as Complete the Fennel Creek Lift Station Project with Award Construction, Inc.

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

Consent Agenda approved 7 – 0.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:

- A. **AB17-39 – Ordinance 1576 [D17-39]** – 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, And 1541 Relating To An Increase In Water Rates And Charges.

Mayor Johnson noted that two options were presented for Council’s consideration in the agenda packet; the original amount discussed by Council at the previous workshop, and an alternative ‘Option A’ with a lower rate increase. City Attorney Haggard advised the Council on their options to take action on one or both proposed ordinances.

**Councilmember Lewis moved to approve Ordinance 1576 [D17-39].
Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Rackley said he supports the 9% rate increase proposed by the City’s consultants, FCS Group. Councilmember Lewis said he feels the increase

is needed, since rates have not been increased since 2009. Councilmember Evans spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. He said he has faith in staff's recommendations, and added that the Council plans to review any future rate increases further before enacting additional increases. He said approving the rate increase will improve the budget outlook for 2018.

Councilmember Watson spoke against the proposed 9% rate increase. He said staff have not presented options to reduce costs and feels the increased rates will hurt citizens.

Councilmember Minton-Davis spoke in support of the 9% increase and said she wants additional review before enacting future increases. She noted that the Council significantly reduced water rates in 2012 and the proposed 9% increase still does not bring rates back to 2009 levels. Councilmember Evans confirmed the proposed ordinance includes an increase in 2017 only, giving the Council more time to consider future projects and rate levels.

Councilmember Swatman said a rate increase is needed but he prefers flatter rate increases over time rather than a large initial increase. He said the Council needs to review all the proposed Public Works projects and expenditures to determine what is most needed. He said he supports the alternate 5% increase (Option A). Deputy Mayor McKibbin said he also supports the 5% increase level.

**Ordinance 1576 [D17-39] approved 4 – 3.
Deputy Mayor McKibbin, Councilmember Watson
and Councilmember Swatman voted no.**

- B. **AB17-40 – Ordinance 1577 [D17-40]** – 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. 1565 And 1465 Relating To Sewer Rates And Charges.

**Councilmember Lewis moved to approve Ordinance 1577 [D17-40].
Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

Mayor Johnson said as with the proposed water rate increase, staff have provided an ordinance increasing rates by 5.5% as Council previously discussed, as well as an 'Option A' to increase rates at 5%.

Councilmembers Lewis, Rackley, Evans, and Watson spoke in favor of the 5.5% rate increase. Councilmember Lewis said a rate increase is needed to fully fund the sewer utility and keep up with infrastructure maintenance. Councilmember Evans said the rate increase is needed to fund the current budget and is based on current projections. Councilmember Watson said he has concerns about having funds available for emergencies and maintenance, and said the City should evaluate funds currently tied up in property.

Councilmember Minton-Davis said sewer rates have increased regularly since 2012 and a 5% sewer rate increase will have more of an impact on rate payers than a 9% water rate increase. She said the sewer fund is in better shape than the water fund and therefore she opposes the 5.5% increase. She said she also opposes an increase to sewer system development charges (SDCs). Deputy Mayor McKibbin said both the 5.5% and 5% increase ordinances include an increase to SDC fees. Councilmember Swatman said he is troubled by the proposed increase in SDC fees. He spoke in support of raising sewer rates but not SDC fees. Councilmembers and staff discussed the information presented by FCS Group and staff.

Councilmember Minton-Davis moved to amend the Ordinance to remove language regarding an increase to Sewer System Development Charges. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

City Administrator Morrison confirmed the proposed motion would remove language adjusting the sewer SDC only, and not the other proposed sewer rate increases.

Motion to amend Ordinance D17-40 approved 7 – 0.

**Ordinance 1577 [D17-40] approved as amended 6 – 1.
Councilmember Minton-Davis voted no.**

IX. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:47 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by common consent of the City Council.

Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk

Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the May 23, 2017 Meeting:

- Gabriel Bowman, Master Builders Association – *Letter regarding AB17-40 – Ordinance D17-40.*

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