

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 16, 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 Council Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. 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 James Rackley, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis was absent.

Councilmember Jim Rackley made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Minton-Davis. Councilmember Donn Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

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 and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Discussion:** AB17-39 – Ordinance D17-39 – Adjustment to Water Rates.

City Administrator Morrison introduced this item for Council discussion. The City Council discussed their positions regarding the effective date and percentage increase of rates for the water utility. There was a majority consensus to increase rates in July 2017. The majority also felt there was need to look more closely at the rate-setting model provided in the rate study conducted by the FCS Group. The sentiment expressed was that future rate increases may be reduced based on possible changes to the capital projects component of the rate study, including possible financing. Councilmembers attending the meeting were evenly split, however, about whether the July increase should be 5%, or the 9% identified in the study. After additional discussion, Mayor Johnson said that without a clear majority consensus, the rate ordinance would be presented at the next meeting as currently written. He said future years' rate increases would be removed until the Council completed their review of the rate model.

- B. **Discussion:** AB17-40 – Ordinance D17-40 – Adjustment to Sewer Rates and Connection Charges.

The City Council discussed the proposed rate increases for the sewer utility. Again, the size of the proposed rate increase in July was the main topic of discussion. There was general consensus that the capital improvement plan projects used to calculate the rates need further review and discussion. Mayor Johnson concluded the discussion by announcing the sewer rate ordinance would be brought forward with a 5% increase in July. He added that future increases would be removed pending Council's further review of the rate model.

- C. **Review of Draft Minutes:** May 2, 2017 Workshop, May 9, 2017 Special Meeting, and May 9, 2017 Meeting.

The draft minutes were forwarded with minor corrections to the May 23, 2017 Council Meeting for action.

- D. **Council Open Discussion:** None.

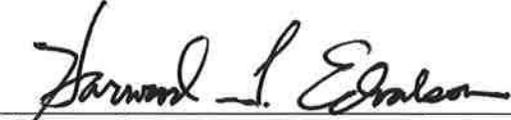
- E. **Discussion:** Planning Commission Work Plan.

Deputy Mayor McKibbin introduced the discussion saying the Planning Commission Chairman said the Commission has been limited in the number of its meetings this year. He said this agenda item is to discuss if the Commission is on track to handle the issues on its work plan. The Council asked to hear from Chairman Grant Sulham. Mr. Sulham said that for years the Commission has met twice per month. He said this year they have met only once per month. He added the planning staff is not getting materials to the Commission for their consideration. Director Vodopich said that building activity is picking up and taking planning staff time which would otherwise be used in greater support of the Commission. He noted the department also has a vacancy in code enforcement, and some of those duties are also falling to the Planning & Building Supervisor. Director Vodopich said that processing the major building and planning projects is the current priority. Director Vodopich reminded the council that at the time the work plan was originally adopted, his staff had said it was an aggressive schedule and they would have difficulty meeting the anticipated deadlines. Mayor Johnson said the staff is working hard, but the City doesn't have enough trained employees at present to keep the pace originally established by the work plan. He said the Council can amend the work plan, change Commission priorities and move items forward on the work plan as needed. He commented additionally that development is busy now and will be for the next couple of years. Councilmember Swatman said the Council could enact a moratorium, if there was a development issue that was of particular concern to the Council.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:13 p.m., the Council adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent upon announcement of the meeting's end by Mayor Johnson.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the May 16, 2017 Workshop: None.

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