

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2017  
6:00 P.M.

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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: Mayor Johnson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. 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. Councilmember Michelle Surdez was absent.

**Deputy Mayor McKibbin moved to excuse Councilmember Surdez' absence due to illness. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Assistant Police Chief Kurt Alfano, Public Services Director John Vodopich, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Deputy City Clerk Susan Haigh, and Planning & Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan.

C. Agenda Modifications: None.

D. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:

- 1. Announcements: None.
- 2. Appointments: None.
- 3. Presentations:

a. **Presentation:** Recognition of Katrina Minton-Davis.

Mayor Johnson presented former Councilmember Minton-Davis with a plaque and thanked her for her service on the Council from 2012-2017. The Mayor and Councilmembers expressed appreciation for her hard work and efforts to advance the city. Ms. Minton-Davis said she served on the Planning Commission for six years prior to joining the Council. She said she is sad to leave Bonney Lake and has enjoyed seeing the city grow, but her family is looking forward to the next chapter.

- b. **Presentation:** Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment Fund 302 (Park CIP) Budget Proposal – Gary Leaf.

Facilities & Special Projects Manager Leaf presented information on the 2017-2018 budget request for Parks Capital Improvements Projects (CIP). The amended request revises the scope and amounts for design and construction, increasing the total budget for the next two years by about \$1M. He responded to questions from Councilmembers about funding sources, grants, and project scope. He confirmed this topic would return to Council for discussion in the future. Mayor Johnson said all funds come from the Parks CIP fund and not the general fund.

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

### A. Public Hearings:

1. **AB17-94** – A Public Hearing To Consider An Ordinance Setting The Amount Of The Annual Ad Valorem Tax Levy Necessary For The Fiscal Year 2018 (Proposed Ordinance D17-96).

**Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.**

Loren Lee, 18109 96th St Ct E, Bonney Lake, asked for clarification on the tax levy from Pierce County. CFO Gibson provided more information on valuations and payments. Mr. Lee spoke in favor of the proposed tax levy.

Ron Walker, 10407 174th Ave E, Bonney Lake, said many people's home valuations increased by 26% and questioned why the City needs a property tax increase. Chief Financial Officer Gibson and City Administrator Morrison explained the difference between property valuation and the city's portion of County property taxes. They said the proposed levy is lower than the previous year. Mayor Johnson offered to have staff contact Mr. Walker to provide more information. Mr. Walker said he also planned to speak for the public hearing on the budget.

William Zimmerman, 9152 184th Ave E, Bonney Lake, spoke against the proposed tax levy. He said the proposed increase maintains the city's increase, and he feels the City should spend within its means and focus on core, required functions, rather than increasing the property tax burden on citizens simply because they can.

Mary Sullivan, 20518 Church Lake Dr E, Bonney Lake, spoke against the proposed tax levy. She said her taxes have increased 20-30%. She said if the City does not see increased taxes when the County increases property valuations this should be addressed with the County, not with tax increases.

**Seeing no further speakers signed up or waiting to speak, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.**

2. **AB17-95** – A Public Hearing To Consider An Ordinance Adopting The Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment For Budget Years 2017 And 2018 (Proposed Ordinance D17-97).

**Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.**

Ron Walker, 10407 174th Ave E, Bonney Lake, spoke against any budget increase that includes parks. He said the developers (DR Horton) closed off access and his neighborhood has no park facilities. He said homeowners were assessed park fees, but have not seen any park improvements around their development. He said he opposes any increase until residents have equitable parks services.

**Seeing no further speakers signed up or waiting to speak, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.**

3. **AB17-107** – A Public Hearing To Consider A Resolution For The Surplus And Disposal Of Utility Real Property Located At XXX 85th St E (Parcel #7000620100) (Proposed Resolution 2624).

**Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. As no one came forward to speak, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.**

B. Citizen Comments:

Mary Sullivan, 20518 Chruuch Lake Dr E, Bonney Lake, spoke on behalf of Melissa Mothershead about her \$1,200 water bill for a recorded 155,000 gallons of water use. She asked the City to assist Ms. Mothershead, who has seen a drastic increase in her bills despite reducing her water use. Ms. Sullivan said she looks forward to getting data on the utility system from the City soon.

Loren Lee, 18109 96th Ave St Ct E, Bonney Lake, said he and a friend used a radar gun to monitor traffic on eastbound SR410 and the average speed was 56 miles per hour with some over 70 MPH. They saw an average speed on Myers Road of 36 MPH. He said he does not often see officers patrolling SR410 and it seems to be a good area for enforcement. Councilmember Watson invited Mr. Lee to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting in November.

Mr. Lee also spoke about water consumption and said all the customers he has spoken with saw double consumption in October. He said he has experience with large systems and water usage monitoring, and has learned through his own research that water meter reading mechanisms often fail and provide mis-reads.

Fred Jacobsen, 9100 189th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, invited all to attend the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society's upcoming fundraising event at Applebee's on December 2, 2017 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and encouraged all to get tickets and see Santa at this fun event.

Lewis Mendenhall, 16012 23rd St E, Bonney Lake, said he has seen property taxes increase and knows people in other areas who have had to move away because they cannot afford to stay in their own homes. He said he does not want to see the Bonney Lake area become like Seattle, Redmond, or Kirkland, where people are being pushed out of their homes.

- C. Correspondence: None.

### III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor McKibbin said the Committee met at 5:00 p.m. earlier in the evening and discussed two items that were continued for discussion at the next Committee meeting.
- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Lewis said the Committee met on November 7 at 4:30 p.m. and discussed the Cedarview sewer plan, the electronic reader board sign, and Resolutions 2625 and 2626 which are on the current agenda for action.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Watson said the Committee will meet next on November 28, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
- D. Other Reports: None.

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approval of Minutes**: October 17, 2017 Workshop and October 24, 2017 Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers**:  
Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77610-#77612 in the amount of \$605.28.  
Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77613-#77628 in the amount of \$48,608.57.  
Accounts Payable check/vouchers #77629-#77809 (including wire transfers #20170615, #20171016, #73833595 and #2017080201) in the amount of \$690,983.17. VOIDS: Check # 73937- Reissued with Check # 77690
- C. **Approval of Payroll**: October 16th -31st 2017 for checks #33612 - 33629 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$688,568.52.
- D. **AB17-108 – Ordinance 1581 [D17-108]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Sections 12.04.030 And 13.12.010 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code Relate To The Definitions Of New Improvements.
- E. **AB17-111 – Resolution 2625** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing A Contract Awarding The Professional Services Agreement To RH-2 Engineering, Inc. To Complete The

Design Effort For The Expansion Of The TPU Pump Station.

- F. **AB17-112 – Resolution 2626** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Purchase Of A Motorized Inspection Camera From Enviro Clean Equipment.
- G. **AB17-83 – Resolution 2612** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Establishing A Payment Plan For The Planned Public Works Center.

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

**Consent Agenda approved 6 – 0.**

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

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

**VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES:**

- A. **AB17-104 – Resolution 2621** - A Resolution Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Bonney Lake, Washington And The Yakima County, Washington, For The Housing Of Inmates In The Yakima County Jail.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve Resolution 2621. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Watson spoke in favor of the proposed agreement, noting these are good rates that will help the City save money.

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

**VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:**

- A. **AB17-28 – Ordinance 1582 [D17-28]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Repealing And Re-Adopting Chapter 15.28 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code Relating To The Regulation Of Signs.

**Councilmember Lewis moved to approve Ordinance 1582 [D17-28].  
Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

Director Vodopich said the Council discussed this item at the previous Workshop.

**Motion approved 5 – 1.  
Councilmember Swatman voted no.**

- B. **AB17-105 – Resolution 2622** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Amended Employment Agreement Between The City And City Administrator Don Morrison.


**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2622. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**


**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 6:46 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 November 14, 2017 Meeting:

- Gary Leaf, City of Bonney Lake – *Park CIP 2017-2018 Budget Request.*

*Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all documents submitted at City Council meetings and workshops are on file with the City Clerk. For detailed information on agenda items, please view the corresponding Agenda Packets, which are posted on the city website and on file with the City Clerk.*