

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2018  
6:00 P.M.



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### DRAFT 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 6:01 p.m.

- A. Flag Salute: Mayor Johnson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence:** Mayor Johnson asked the audience to join him in a moment of silence in honor of the recently slain Pierce County Sheriff Deputy Daniel McCartney.

- B. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr., also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Terry Carter, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Michelle Surdez, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Services Director John Vodopich, Police Chief Dana Powers, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Management Analyst/Executive Assistant Leslie Harris, Public Works Superintendent Ryan Johnstone and several other staff from the Public Services Department.

- C. Agenda Modifications:

**Councilmember Watson moved to modify the agenda and take action on a motion to cancel the January 16, 2018 Council Workshop. Deputy Mayor McKibbin seconded the motion.**

Deputy Mayor McKibbin said the staff have no items to bring forward for the Council discussion and consideration at the next workshop.

**The motion to amend the agenda and cancel the January 16, 2018 Council workshop was approved 7 – 0.**

- D. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:

1. Announcements: None.
2. Appointments: None.

3. Presentations: None.

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

A. Public Hearings: None.

B. Citizen Comments:

Mayor Johnson welcomed the citizen comments and reported that with respect to the utility bills, the City issued a report in the day on recent meter testing, which determined the meters are generally very accurate and when inaccurate have favored the customer. He said the City staff would continue to work with individuals to address their questions. He said nothing has been put on the Council's agenda yet to discuss rate increases for 2018. He said those who have provided contact information will be given notice when it is put on the Council's agenda. This will be in addition to the City's normal process of publishing the Council's upcoming agendas. He added that the current rate study is on the City's website if attendees are curious about its content.

Loren Lee, 18109 96<sup>th</sup> St Ct E, expressed concern in light of recent events in Pierce County for the safety of Bonney Lake Police Officers. He added that he has spoken with several water meter manufacturers and they will not put anything in writing about failure rates for their meters due to liability. He asked if the City of Bonney Lake conducts an ebb and flow test on its meters.

Barbara Bledsoe, a long-time resident of Bonney Lake, spoke of her concern for her water bill. She said the City continues to raise rates. But as an 80 year-old senior, she is unable to provide for those increases. She asked that something be done to assist the senior citizens.

Greg Montague, 1001 177<sup>th</sup> Ave E, said he is looking into water and sewer rates. He said he has done comparisons with at least 17 other cities, and he finds Bonney Lake to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in its water rates and the highest in sewer rates, higher than even Seattle. He asked that the City demonstrate the need for the City's rates.

Debbie Eastman, 19105 79<sup>th</sup> St E, said she has also done a quick comparison of sewer rates. She noted that other utility systems include a base allowance in their usage calculations and asked if Bonney Lake's rates include such a base allowance. She also asked if the City's higher rates are subsidizing development.

Mayor Johnson commented, again, that the City's rate study is available on the City website and may respond to some of her questions. He added that Councilmember Swatman has stated he will remain after the close of the Council meeting to receive additional citizen input. He said other councilmembers and staff will also be available after the meeting for more in-depth discussion. He said the City's website provides information on development fees related to the City's

utilities and they are quite substantial.

Keith Wall, 18202 100<sup>th</sup> St Ct E, said he may be late to the issue, but he has examined the historical data related to his bills and questions the logic of the readings. He believes this history demonstrates errors in the utility billing process.

Mayor Johnson again offered to have the City work individually with Mr. Wall if he will provide his email contact.

Lane Scarduzio, 7002 193<sup>rd</sup> Ave E, said she moved from Puyallup and can't believe Bonney Lake would charge more than Puyallup for its utilities. She encouraged the Council to take everyone's interests to heart.

James Goss, 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, said the real issue is the sewer fees. He said he pays double in sewer fees than what he does for water. He referenced the sewer requirements in Falling Waters and said there needs to be a correction to produce parity between the different neighborhoods in Falling Waters.

Mayor Johnson encouraged him to provide contact information to allow someone from the Public Services Department to respond.

Christy Minzey, Executive Director for the Chamber Collective, reported on a Sip and Shuttle event upcoming on March 17<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged Council and citizens to visit local businesses and see the Chamber website for upcoming events.

- 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, had a personnel update and discussed an item on this evening's Council agenda. He said they also discussed the renewal of the Comcast franchise agreement.
- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Swatman reported that the Committee has not met.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Watson said the Committee expects to meet on January 23, 2018.
- D. Other Reports: None.

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable check/vouchers #78011-#78063 (including wire transfer #'s 20171128, 20171129, 22084813, 2017120401 and 201712050) in the amount of \$1,757,062.13. Accounts Payable check/vouchers #78064-#78128 (including wire transfer # 20171201) in the amount of \$221,999.60. Accounts Payable check/vouchers #78129-#78191 in the amount of \$549,602.79. Accounts Payable check/vouchers #78192-#78257 in the amount of \$8,674.14. Accounts Payable wire transfer #2017121701 in the amount of \$42,484.06 for P-Card Purchases. VOIDS: Check # 77712 issued for wrong amount replaced with check # 77913 Check #77634 issued to wrong vendor and incorrect amount replaced with check #77886
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** December 16th -31th 2017 for checks #33696 - 33715 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$ 764,604.73
- D. ~~**AB18-10**—A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Appointing Councilmember Justin Evans As The Bonney Lake Representative To The Pierce County Regional Council And Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin As The Alternate Representative.~~ Moved to the Full Council Issues portion of the agenda as Item VIII. A.
- E. **AB18-01 – Ordinance D18-01** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Section 3.90.050 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And Ordinance No. 1534 Relating To Community Garden Fees.

**Deputy Mayor McKibbin requested that Item D. be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Mayor Johnson said the item would be moved to the Full Council Issues portion of the agenda as Item VIII. A.**

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

**Amended Consent Agenda approved 7 – 0.**

**V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:**

- A. **AB18-07 – Resolution 2630** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Awarding The Phase 4 – SCADA System Upgrades Contract To Technical Systems, Inc.

**Councilmember Watson moved approval of Resolution 2630. Councilmember Swatman seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Watson said the vendor, who has experience with the City's ongoing project, gave the City a good quote.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2630 approved 7 – 0.**

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

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

**VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:**

A. **AB18-10** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Appointing Councilmember Justin Evans As The Bonney Lake Representative To The Pierce County Regional Council And ~~Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin~~ Councilmember Terry Carter As The Alternate Representative.

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

Deputy Mayor McKibbin offered to allow another interested individual to represent the Council as the alternate representative. Councilmember Carter said he would be interested in serving as the alternate.

**Deputy Mayor McKibbin moved to remove his name from the motion and insert the name of Councilmember Terry Carter. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

**Amendment to the motion approved 7 – 0.  
Amended main motion approved 7 – 0.**

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 6:29 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Johnson with the common consent of the City Council.**

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Harwood Edvalson, City Clerk

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Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

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