

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

July 17, 2018
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:** Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr., elected officials attending 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 John Vodopich, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Deputy City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Police Chief Bryan Jeter, Finance Director Cherie Gibson, and Permit Center Lead Jenn Francis.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Presentation:** Development Activity Mid-Year Report – Jenn Francis, Public Services.

Jenn Francis addressed the Council regarding the development activity mid-year report. The report is for January thru June 2018 and includes forecasts for the remainder of the year. Bonney Lake permits by numbers are where they should be for this time of the year. Single residences are half of what they were last year but are on target with 28 permits in review currently. The majority of permits are for Stone Creek, Sky Island 7, and Ptarmigan Ridge, with the majority in the Stone Creek Plat. Commercial permits were mostly for the Easttown Area and currently have no permits for multi-family residences. New development permits are at twelve million dollars and six million dollars for new tenant improvements so far. This includes residential and commercial permits.

The projects that have come into permitting and planning have been for new construction, remodels, and some repairs with businesses. County projects that have come in are Bonney Lake Estates Phase 3 & 4 and Lakeland Commons 2 but since the water meters are in, the permit center will hear after the businesses are already in, because they are outside the city limits.

There are several projects that are scheduled for this year and have started the permit process or are in review currently. These will include multifamily residences and will come thru later this year.

Business licenses are up to 1,872 in the city with 248 business license applications reviewed between January and June this year. There have had an influx of permits due to the ease of permits now being submitted electronically. Contractors and home owners are using this system a lot more. Permit Center Lead Jenn Francis is working towards getting the entire permit center onto the Box.com application and being more streamlined.

B. Council Open Discussion:

Stay Out Of Drug Areas (SODA Orders). Councilmember Evans said at the Public Safety Committee discussed the SODA orders that other cities that are using. It is a restraining order for people with known drug issues to stay out of designated impact areas. Marysville has been using this for a couple of years to address a big concern growing in their southern area. Since they started this program citizen complaints have gone down and public safety has increased. Bothell and Marysville prosecuting attorneys say that it has been a tremendous help with dealing with the drug issues because users with issues decide that they don't want to be in the SODA areas. Arlington is also considering this approach. With SODA orders, people do not have to be in possession of drugs to get arrested. Simply entering a SODA area could get subjects arrested.

Mayor Johnson asked Chief Jeter if he had any comments. Chief Jeter said he liked the idea and is interested to find out how many offenders have been sentenced and if the success of the program correlates with the issuance of SODA orders. He questions which areas of the city might qualify and if a SODA designation would have a negative impact on commercial businesses. Councilmember McKibbin said that it reminds him of what Monroe did. He added it could be a temporary order so there is really no reason not to try it. He agreed that businesses probably wouldn't want to be labeled as being in a SODA area. Mayor Johnson and Councilmember Carter both said that the order could also be part of the release of condition. Councilmember Swatman thinks it's a great idea to look into and discuss with the Public Safety Committee and come up with areas of concern. Chief Jeter mentioned that the police are working on a more robust trespass program that partners with businesses. He said they can issue trespass orders for businesses that will also help with these impacted areas. Councilmember McKibbin asked if it would be citywide or done business by business. Chief Jeter said they would like it to be citywide and hope all the businesses will want to partner with the police department.

Lions Club Support. Councilmember Watson said he went to the Tunes at Tapps. It was a phenomenal event. More people showed up this year than before, and there was great support for the Lions Club fund raiser.

Park Kiosks. Councilmember Watson said that he has gone to several parks and noticed the information kiosks are empty. He said the city could put more info in them about the other parks and activities. He said that there is nothing at Madrona Park and that the kiosks should be checked more often.

Peace Poles. Councilmember Watson sent information about peace poles to the Councilmembers and the Mayor. He said that he would like to see the Art Commission and some of the clubs in town participate to get the poles started in the Midtown Park. Mayor Johnson said he liked the concept but wondered if the city should wait until a plan could be developed for a permanent location. Councilmember Watson said they could start with tables, bathrooms- even temporary ones and a parking lot and this would help to give the vision of a bigger concept. Mayor Johnson wants to look at the bigger project for the Midtown Park and let the school district do a feasibility study for a pool and where to place it before doing a possible temporary installation of peace poles.

Telephone Pole Flags. Councilmember Evans was in Pacific and saw on every telephone pole along Milwaukee Avenue there was the American flag. He asked if the city could do something similar, possibly on Veterans Memorial Drive. Councilmember McKibbin said they would have to look into how they are able to use the poles. Mayor Johnson said that they would look into the cost and the maintenance of doing this. He thought it would be a wonderful beatification project.

Falling Waters. Councilmember Swatman said he met with the Falling Water board about the large online septic system. He said they still want Bonney Lake to be the maintenance provider for them. They are looking into having one big fixed rate bill and then the board would take care of charging the residences. He suggested the city to come up with a fixed maintenance cost that doesn't short change the maintenance team for the work that will be needed.

Historical Society. Mayor Johnson said that he met with the Dupont historical society and is proposing a similar model for the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society society. He would like them to have their own museum and visitor center within a Bonney Lake community campus. This will help the city to keep local artifacts here in the city and to partner with the historical society. He proposed a professional service agreement for a part time liaison for the remainder of this year to help the historical society. He then proposed in the next budget cycle to hire a part time city employee to continue working the project and be a partner with the historical society. Councilmember Watson asked if we had the money in the budget for this year and the Mayor answered it would come from the executive departments' budget. Councilmember Swatman thanked the Mayor for working with the historical society. He thought it was a great plan for the city to partner with the society. Councilmember Rackley has been to another city's museum and said that it was good. Councilmember McKibbin suggested that they could have a plan and budget ready by the end of the budget retreat, and Mayor Johnson will work on agreements with those who will be the city's partners.

- C. **Review of Council Minutes:** June 19, 2018 Workshop and July 10, 2018 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Watson said that he reviewed the minutes of June 19, 2018 Workshop and July 10, 2018 Council Meeting. The draft minutes were forwarded to the July 24, 2018 Meeting for approval with no corrections.

III. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Johnson adjourned the Council Workshop by common consent of the Council.


Harwood Edvalson, City Clerk


Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

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