

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 23, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Flag Salute: Mayor Johnson, Jr. 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, 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, Police Chief Bryan Jeter, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Facilities & Special Project Manager Gary Leaf and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

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

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

- A. Public Hearing: AB18-113 – Ordinance D18-113 – Preliminary 2019 - 2020 Biennial Budget.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:02 p.m.

Mark Hamilton, 18003 84<sup>th</sup> St. E., said he expected to have had the budget numbers available before having to address the Council on the preliminary budget. He said, however, he was sure the City was underfunding Fund 302, Parks Capital Projects, because the Council has underfunded these activities for years. He asked the Council to carefully review all the proposed expenditures in other funds and reallocate any truly unnecessary funds to parks. He said the Council spent \$6 Million to purchase the Moriarty Property and all it has yielded so far is a temporary boat trailer parking lot. He urged the Council to also give attention to the recreational trails such as the Fennel Creek Trail and the Flume Trail.

Seeing no further individuals to comment at the public hearing, Mayor Johnson declared the continuation of the public hearing to the next regular Council meeting.

- B. Citizen Comments: None.
- C. Correspondence: None.

### III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor McKibbin said the Committee met earlier at 5:00 p.m. He said the Committee received a report from the Human Resources Manager and discussed two proposed ordinances and an agreement for on-site sewer system management. He said the Committee also received a report on the progress with online recreation program registration.
- B. Community Development Committee: Committee Chair Swatman reported the Committee met, discussed and forwarded the contract for rehabilitation of the Tacoma Point Well and aquifer evaluation, which is on tonight's consent agenda.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Chair Evans said the committee's next scheduled meeting is on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.
- D. Other Reports: Councilmember Rackley noted the passing of local artist Larry Anderson who was the sculptor of the statue at the entry monument on Elhi Hill. He said Mr. Anderson was last year's recipient of the Arts Commission Award and that he is nationally recognized for his sculptures scattered across the United States. He said that Larry, along with his wife, were instrumental in establishing the Lake Bonney group which is focused on the health of the lake.

Councilmember Evans reported that he attended a recent Pierce County Regional Council meeting and reminded the City that proposals for the Regional Council's work plan are due soon. He said these work plans will be considered further at the general assembly meeting in February 2019.

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approval of Minutes**: October 2, 2018 Council Workshop Minutes and October 9, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers**: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECKS/VOUCHERS 10/23/2018 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #80489-#80577 and wire transfers #91667, #20181002, #2018100201, #2018100202, #2018100202, #2018100203, #2018100204, #2018100205 and #201800301 in the amount of \$545,872.04. VOIDS: Check # 79897-Lost-Reissued Check # 80391-Request Withdrawn.

- C. **AB18-109 – Ordinance D18-109** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Ordinance Nos. 1527 And 1559 Relating To Salaries And Benefits For Non-Represented Employees.
- D. **AB18-117 – Resolution 2693** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Regarding The Application Of Bond Proceeds.
- E. **AB18-122 – Resolution 2698** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorize A Limited Public Works Contract With Holt Services, Inc. For The Tacoma Point Well Rehabilitation And Aquifer Evaluation.

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

**Motion 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. **AB18-116 – Resolution 2692** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Grant Agreement With The Department Of Commerce To Assist With Construction Of The 95<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass Trail.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2692. Councilmember Swatman seconded the motion.**

**The motion was approved 7 – 0.**

- B. **AB18-118 – Resolution 2694** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Interlocal Agreement With The Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2694. Councilmember Swatman seconded the motion.**

Mayor Johnson reminded Council there had been general Council consensus to move forward with a plan to work with the Historical Society, and the proposed agreement had been presented at an earlier Council workshop. He said the

preservation of the City's history is important and hoped the Council will support the agreement. City Attorney Kathleen Haggard advised the word "Interlocal" be stricken from the resolution title because the Historical Society is not another local government. She said "An Agreement" would be appropriate. Councilmember Evans said he listened to the audio from the last meeting and had his questions answered.

Councilmember Watson said he acknowledges the hard work of the Historical Society, but questions the City's plan for stewardship. Mayor Johnson said it is a new operation, and the City will learn from the experience and make it successful. He said he sees the part-time position called for by the agreement as one that can eventually work with other service groups in the City. He said the agreement has the support of the Historical Society Board, and that changes can be made if needed in the future. Councilmember Evans asked if there is a legal concern with helping one non-profit organization—is it a slippery slope? City Attorney Haggard said the agreement presents no liability concern. She said the Council is not obligated to contract with others.

Mayor Johnson allowed Winona Jacobsen of the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society to address the Council. She said if the historical society were to disband, they would give their assets to another historical society. Councilmember Surdez asked Mayor Johnson why the position was not established as a temporary position rather than being added to the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employee Table. Mayor Johnson said the agreement was written in such a manner as to allow the Council to delete the position if that was the desire. He said his intent was to give the part-time employee a year to make the position work. Deputy Mayor McKibbin said the Finance Committee is still working through the proposed FTE. He advised the Council that a vote for the contract was essentially a vote for that position on the FTE table in the budget.

Councilmember Carter asked if the agreement could be tabled until the budget is approved. Mayor Johnson said the historical society felt an urgency to provide for continuity in the operations of the society and that a delay at this point will delay the transition to February 2019. Councilmember Evans said he feels this proposed action is similar to the way the recreation program was handled, and does not feel confident the City is in the best position to take this on at this time. He observed that the City will not even have control of the historical assets. He said he feels this proposed action is not well planned. Councilmember Rackley pointed out it is not a large investment to make sure the history of Bonney Lake is preserved in the City and not parceled out to other historical societies in the area. Councilmember Swatman said he agrees with the Mayor's proposal and that the City's history should be preserved locally.

Mayor Johnson allowed Mark Hamilton residing at 18003 84<sup>th</sup> St. E, to address the Council. He said the City really has no idea what it is getting into, but the historical society will provide continued input from their practical experience. He

said the cost of the part-time salary is far less than the City would spend if it were to pay a consultant to provide a transition plan. He urged the Council to consider the future desires of the community for its history. He said other cities preserve their history because it is important for the community.

Councilmember Surdez said she believes the work of the historical society is important. She feels the City's effort is too narrow in scope and should be better planned. Mayor Johnson said the City will learn as we move forward and he commits to expand the effort as needed with Council's support. Councilmember McKibbin said he is a member of the historical society and believes the Mayor acted appropriately to try and address the preservation of the City's history.

**The motion to approve Resolution 2694 failed 2 – 5.  
Voting no were Deputy Mayor McKibbin and Councilmembers Evans,  
Carter, Surdez and Watson.**

Councilmember Watson said that his earlier intention was to pull Ordinance D18-109 from the consent agenda for further discussion. He asked if this issue could be revisited at this time. City Attorney Haggard said the issue had already been voted on and it would be inappropriate to revisit the issue at this time.

Mayor Johnson reminded the Council that they had earlier expressed general support for him to develop a plan to assist with the transition of the historical society operations. He asked that the Council not waste his time in the future if there is no intent to sustain that support to the end.

**C. Decision Cards.**

1. Facilities & Special Project Manager Gary Leaf – Allan Yorke Park (AYP) Improvements Phase 1 Playground Installation, AYP Improvements Phase 1 Ballfield, AYP Improvements Phase 1 Road Frontage, AYP Improvements Phase 1 Site Improvements, 95th Street Park To Angeline Trail Construction, Fennel Creek Trail Seg 2A ROW, Fennel Creek Trail Seg 2A Construction, Fennel Creek Trail Seg 2B Construction.

Allan Yorke Park Improvements Phase I Playground Installation, Phase I Ballfield, Phase I Road Frontage and Phase I Site Improvements. Manager Leaf explained all the proposed decision cards for FY 2019-2020 related to Phase I of the Allan Yorke Park improvements. He explained the associated grant applications and those already received, as well as those which were not awarded and the impact to the City's funding of these proposed improvements. He noted that approximately 40% of the project costs are associated with satisfying the City's building and development code. He added that essentially anything done with the Park will require City-mandated improvements.

Manager Leaf said the artificial turf ball fields would allow usage for winter sports such as lacrosse and rugby. He said lighting would expand the hours of use, particularly in the winter. He added that there would be no watering cost for the artificial turf. He did note that the City would need to implement a sinking-fund to replace the infields every 8 to 12 years. The City Council had questions regarding timing, overall cost and funding of the remaining phases of the master plan. Mayor Johnson and Manager Leaf suggested that a park bond will most likely be required to finish out the master plan. They hoped that the public will see the good work done in Phase I and want to fund the remainder of the plan. Finance Director Gibson said the Council could issue councilmanic bonds for those improvements. Councilmembers expressed some concern that the park capital fund will have very little remaining at the end of the upcoming biennium with other sites also needing development, such as Midtown Park.

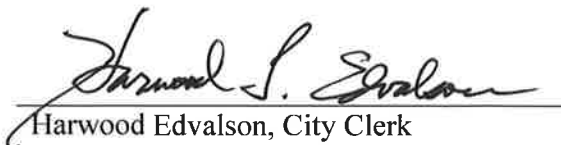
95<sup>th</sup> Street Park to Angeline. Manager Leaf described the grant revenues for this project, the anticipated timing of improvements and the overall cost of this trail project. Councilmember Swatman thought the overall project cost was a large amount to appease essentially three residents in a cul-de-sac. Deputy Mayor McKibbin said he felt the City should wait until the proposed trail tunnel under Highway 410 could be funded and constructed as a resolution to the resident disputes with the trail alignment. Councilmember Watson said this is an important piece of the Fennel Creek Trail that has been diligently pursued. Manager Leaf said the City's contributions to the project are being leveraged to apply for two additional grants for the trail.

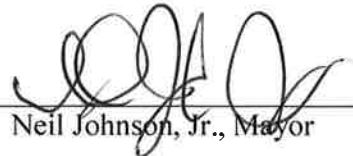
**IX. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Before the meeting adjournment Deputy Mayor McKibbin announced, pursuant to the request of at least three Councilmembers, the Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss water and sewer rates.** Mayor Johnson advised that due to prior engagements for the evening, he will not be able to attend the meeting.

**At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Johnson, Jr. adjourned the regular Council Meeting with the common consent of the City Council.**

  
Harwood Edvalson, City Clerk

  
Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Items submitted at the October 23, 2018 Council Meeting:

- (1) *2019-2020 Biennial Budget, Exhibit A* – Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson
- (2) *Decision Cards, FY 2019-2020* – Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson