

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

**October 30, 2018
4:00 P.M.**

DRAFT MINUTES



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Location: Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. In addition to Deputy Mayor McKibbin, elected officials attending were Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Michelle Surdez, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Terry Carter joined the meeting at 4:13 p.m. Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr., was not in attendance.

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, and Deputy City Clerk Sadie Schaneman.

B. DISCUSSION: Sewer and Water Rates.

The City Council began with a discussion of the sewer and water rates. City Administrator Vodopich summarized for the Council the presentations from RH2 and FCS Group on the rates and analysis needed to support the City's utilities. He said that Finance has been meeting and going over the reports from RH2 and FCS Group and put together a spreadsheet to help show rate increase options and how the options would impact the City's utility finds.

Councilmembers asked several questions about the rates and impacts of both. They discussed all the suggested rate options. There was Council consensus that an 8.5% increase in water was needed and agreed to have the water rate increase agenda bill brought forward at the next Workshop on November 6, 2018 for further discussion.

The majority of Councilmembers agreed on the 15% sewer rate increase for 2019, 8% rate increase for 2020, and 8% rate increase for 2021. There was discussion that the rates are higher than expected and if there are other options. Council agreed to further discuss the sewer rate increase at the next workshop on November 6, 2018.

C. ADJOURNMENT:

At the conclusion of discussion, Deputy Mayor McKibbin adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m. with common consent of the Council.

Harwood Edvalson, City Clerk

Randy McKibbin., Deputy Mayor

Items submitted at the October 30, 2018 Special Council Meeting:

- 1) *Water and Sewer Rates Spreadsheet*- City Administrator John Vodopich.
- 2) *Water and Sewer Budget Spreadsheets*- Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson.