

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2018
6:00 P.M.



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MINUTES

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, 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 Justin Evans, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Michelle Surdez, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Terry Carter was absent.

Councilmember Watson moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Carter. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator John Vodopich, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Assistant Police Chief Kurt Alfano and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

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

1. Presentations: Classical Conversations – Home School Group

Exercising their public speaking skills, the following youth presenters addressed the City Council for up to three minutes each on a topic of their choice: Joseph Anderson, Olivia Anderson, Belle Magnusen, Rylie Wood, Nathan Bernabe, William Anderson and Kaeley Whitacre.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Public Hearings:
 - 1. Revenue Sources For Fiscal Years 2019-2020: AB18-112 – Ordinance D18-112 – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce

County, Washington, Setting The Ad Valorem Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2019.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Two individuals signed up to speak declined the opportunity to address the Council on this topic. With no other speakers addressing the Council, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

2. Preliminary Biennial Budget 2019 – 2020. (Continued from 11/6/18).

Mayor Johnson resumed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Matt Cortwright, 17805 113th St Ct E, spoke on behalf of the Rainier Rugby Club. He said the club has been working with the Parks Commission since 2010 and the club favors the installation of artificial turf fields at Allan Yorke Park due to the winter weather conditions of the playing fields. He said a majority of the youth playing in the league are from the Plateau area.

Jim Bouchard, Chairman of the Parks Commission, spoke in favor of the work proposed in the biennial budget for Allan Yorke Park. He reviewed some of the costs and sources of funding for the proposed improvements. He expressed a desire for additional support from the youth athletic organizations who he says have added their supporting voice, but they have been unwilling to commit funds beyond the payment of rental fees toward these projects that will benefit their clubs. He urged the Council to proceed with the planned improvements in the budget.

Scott Nall, 22523 48th St., Buckley, WA, spoke as the President of Mt. Rainier Fubol Club (Soccer). He said the club has 3,000 youth participating and have to practice in fields as far away as Enumclaw due to the lack of local fields available in the wet fall/winter weather. He said 75% of his club are female players who also live on the Plateau. He urged the Council to approve the improvements at Allan Yorke Park, and further urged them to consider a tournament facility, noting those types of facilities bring in hundreds of families from outside the community to compete in the tournaments. He said his club would gladly partner with the City in the development of fields. He said the club has already built fields in Buckley and Lakeland Hills.

Seeing no further individuals to comment at the public hearing, Mayor Johnson closed the continued public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

B. Citizen Comments:

Thaddeus Edgar Huff, 7412 225th Avenue Ct E, Buckley, WA, spoke as the lead pastor of Open Life Church meeting at Bonney Lake High School. He informed the Council of the Community Big Give occurring on 11/17/18 at the Walmart Garden Center and Sumner High School where 900 families are provided a full Thanksgiving meal. The families have received vouchers through foodbanks,

schools and charitable organizations in the area. The effort will involve a little over 500 volunteers feeding 4,000 individuals in about a 90 minute period. He said the Big Give is in its eighth year of providing this service. Mr. Huff also provided information regarding the Bonney Lake Giving Tree. He acknowledged the previous long-term involvement of the Bonney Lake Police Department, but said the program is now hosted by the Fire District and operates a little differently than it used to do. He expressed appreciation for a caring and serving community who support both great events.

Guy Maughan, Executive Director of the Chamber Collective, 16716 2nd St E, Lake Tapps, WA, provided an update regarding the Chamber Collective. He reported the addition of six new businesses in the past two months joining the Collective, and 29 Bonney Lake business members committing to renew their memberships. He summarized a series of ribbon-cuttings and upcoming events.

Glenn Taylor, 713 Koehler Avenue SW, Orting, WA, spoke on behalf of the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society advertising the Society's fundraising breakfast at Applebees on December 1st. Tickets can be purchased in advance, and is one of the major fundraisers for the Historical Society.

Winona Jacobsen, 3915 25th St SE, Puyallup, WA, spoke as a former long-time resident of Bonney Lake and of her 14-year service on the Planning Commission and with other groups serving in the interests of the City and residents of Bonney Lake, including the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society. She reviewed the recent Council action wherein the Council majority voted against a cooperating agreement between the City and the Historical Society. She thanked Mayor Johnson for his efforts to develop a balanced agreement to preserve the operations and collections of the Historical Society and the intent to assist other organizations based on this first effort. She thanked Councilmembers Swatman and Rackley for their affirmative votes. However, she expressed profound disappointment with the Council majority in their lack of foresight to preserve the City's history.

Matt Perry, 3130 S 38th St, Tacoma, WA, spoke as a local government and public policy manager at Puget Sound Energy. He encouraged the public to take actions to prepare for any possible winter storm-related outages. He urged the public to download the *myPSE* app available across all electronic platforms. He said it can provide a wealth of information regarding outages. He also urged the public to keep emergency kits at hand, unplug sensitive electronic equipment and inform themselves as to which natural gas appliances will continue to operate in the event of an electrical outage, such as natural gas water heaters, gas ovens and ranges and gas log fireplaces. He suggested having matches nearby to light those appliances that have electric ignition.

Jonathan Cheah, 17003 107th St Ct E, said he has tried to get answers to his questions via email, but is not satisfied with the responses received, so he has

come to address the Council. He asked why the rates were increased twice in 2017, questioned the knowledge of the City's rates consultants and the basis for their calculations, and the greater impacts on his water rates for having a 1 inch meter.

Celine Scarduzio, 7002 193rd Avenue E, purchased a home last year moving from Puyallup. She said the proposed increases to the water rates are alarming. She said Bonney Lake is a great community, but those she speaks with are frustrated and feel they are not getting clear answers to their questions about water rates. She urged the Council to take interest in the impacts of these rates on the families in the area.

Mayor Johnson invited the speakers to contact Chief Financial Officer Gibson or City Administrator Vodopich with questions about specific accounts.

Kayla Hunter, 17711 115th St E, said she was speaking for many who could not be here tonight to address the Council. She said she was one who attended the water meeting several months ago and had her meter pulled and tested only to find that it was deemed accurate. She said her usage didn't change in the past year, other than to stop watering her grass, and yet her bill is still over \$300. She reported other families are having their family members shower at the "Y" to save on water bills. She questioned how the system could be allowed to operate in the red. She said she feels the citizens are receiving minor help from the City, then being brushed aside without further consideration of their concerns.

- C. Correspondence: None.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor McKibbin said the Committee met earlier at 5:00 p.m. and discussed the joint recreation program, a definition for out-of-class pay, the proposed 2019-2020 FTE chart and the decision card spreadsheet for future discussion by the Council.
- B. Community Development Committee: Committee Chair Swatman reported the Committee met on November 6th at 4:30 p.m. He said they discussed the items on this evenings agenda related to the Prairie Ridge Booster Pump and the Maintenance and Operations agreement with the Falling Waters HOA.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Chair Evans said the committee met this afternoon and received a report from the Fire District on call volumes, mutual aid to Southern California and the current Fire District bond election results. He said they also received a report from the Police Department and discussed a request by an HOA near the high school to expand the restricted parking area. He noted that 34

citizens were in attendance to discuss homelessness and its impacts on the community. He said outreach efforts and work with businesses by the Police Department were having positive impacts on this issue. He added the Committee will be discussing a drug loitering ordinance in the future.

- D. Other Reports: None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** October 16, 2018 Council Workshop Minutes and October 23, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable check/vouchers #80578-#80669 and wire transfers #20181015, #2018100401 and #2018100402, in the amount of \$648,735.47. Accounts Payable check/vouchers #80670-#80743 in the amount of \$13,315.72. Accounts Payable check/vouchers #80744-#80828 and wire transfers #4941573, #20181019 and #2018102601, in the amount of \$354,643.91. P-Card wire transfer #2018101701 in the amount of \$35,114.87. VOIDS: Check # 80577-Printing Error.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** October 1st-15th 2018 for checks #39997-33998 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$594,731.01. October 16th-31st 2018 for checks #33999-34006 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$762,299.37.
- D. **AB18-124 – Ordinance D18-124 – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Enacting A New Chapter 3.52 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code Entitled “Drug Investigation Fund,” Repealing Chapters 3.52 And 3.72, And Closing The Drug Enforcement Revolving And Forfeitures Funds.**
- E. **AB18-119 – Resolution 2695 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing Award Of A Contract To Gary Harper Construction For The Prairie Ridge Booster Pump Station Project.**
- F. **AB18-120 – Resolution 2696 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing Award Of A Professional Services Agreement With RH2 Engineering For Construction Services For The Prairie Ridge Booster Pump Station.**
- G. **AB18-130 – Resolution 2701 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement For Onsite Sewage System Management, Maintenance, And Operation Services With The Falling Water Homeowners Association.**

- H. **AB18-126 – Motion** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Accept As Complete The 2018 Striping Project With Apply-A-Line, LLC.
- I. **AB18-127 – Motion** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Accept As Complete The 2018 Pavement Markings Project With Apply-A-Line, LLC.

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

Motion approved 6 – 0.

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

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

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

VIII. **FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:**

- A. **AB18-100 – Ordinance 1606 [D18-100]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.04 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Nos. 692 And 1277 Relating To Annual Water Rate Adjustments.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance 1606. Deputy Mayor McKibbin seconded the motion.

Councilmember Evans said his decision on this issue was not made lightly. He said poor transparency in the previous administration resulted in the current difficult decision before the Council this evening. He thanked the current staff for their efforts. He said the Council is elected to do their best for the citizens, but that the long-term health of our utility systems needs an additional infusion of revenues. He said his planned vote in favor of the ordinance is a vote in the best interest of the City. It is his hope this will resolve the issue and place the water utility on a better footing for the future.

Councilmember Watson said he agrees with Councilmember Evans. He said the Council has diligently worked to keep this increase as low as possible. He said he recognizes the impact to fixed income individuals and families, but believes the increase is needed in the best interest of all the citizens.

Councilmember Rackley said the City is required by state law to appropriately fund the utilities. He said the Council has little choice at this point.

Councilmember Swatman said the increase is needed, but he has a problem with

the underlying numbers and uses of the revenues. He said staff will implement the ordinance to make the utility programs work to deliver safe water to the community. He pledged his future effort to work on this issue to readjust rate increases if possible in the future. He said he feels the consumers should not be punished for living in Bonney Lake, yet a rate increase is needed at this time.

Ordinance 1606 was adopted by a vote of 6 – 0.

- B. **AB18-131 – Ordinance 1607 [D18-131]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.12 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Nos. 1465 And 1577 Relating To Annual Sewer Rate Adjustments.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance 1607.
Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Watson said he is having a hard time with this increase and the percentage increase proposed in the ordinance. He said he had received a great deal of information from the staff, but feels an increase of 10 – 11% is a more reasonable increase to the residents. He suggested perhaps there are reductions to projects, or service charges from the City of Sumner that may justify a lower increase. He said he would not be supporting this ordinance.

Councilmember Swatman said he feels this is a different situation than with the water utility. He said there have been sewer rate increases over the years, but costs have been hard to control because of past decisions by a simple Council majority over 17 years ago. He urged Councilmember Watson to reconsider his position as the consultants numbers indicate a 22% increase is warranted. He said 10 – 11% won't appropriately fund the utility. He urged an ongoing discussion with staff to minimize fiscal impacts on the community. He said he will support the proposed rate increase, but not its resulting contribution to the City's General Fund. He said he welcomes dialogue with citizens to share the knowledge he has of these issues. He said an increase is necessary and will cost the City more in the future if steps are not taken now to secure an appropriate revenue stream. He urged the Council to study and challenge every proposal.

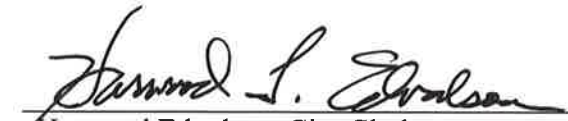
Mayor Johnson said he welcomes the Council's careful scrutiny on these issues and agrees the city must make sure it is giving good information. He said he is committed to look at the utility tax to make sure the general fund doesn't increase because of increased rates in the utilities. He stated that staff have worked hard to produce good information and it is now incumbent to find ways to reduce the impacts to the citizens. He said the City will work more on it in 2019, and that it should be a priority.

**Ordinance 1607 was adopted by a vote of 5 – 1.
Councilmember Watson voted no.**

IX. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:17 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 November 13, 2018 Council Meeting: None.