

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

August 18, 2020
6:00 P.M.
Minutes



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Location: The physical location of the Council Meeting was at the Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington. Due to the state wide stay at home order, the public was given the option to call in to the virtual Council Meeting and be able to listen to the Meeting live on the City's BlueJeans conference line.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Deputy Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. Elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Evans, Councilmember Terry Carter, Councilmember Todd Dole, Councilmember Michelle Keith, Councilmember James (Kelly) McClimans, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Mayor Neil Johnson Jr., was not in attendance.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson and Deputy City Clerk Sadie Schaneman.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City's BlueJeans conference line were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen, City Engineer John Woodcock, Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Administrative/Economic Development Supervisor Jenn Francis, and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Public Hearing: AB20-79 – Resolution 2851** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting The 2021-2026 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Deputy Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. He asked City Clerk Edvalson if anyone submitted any comments to the Council on the topic of the hearing. No one submitted comments to the Council. Deputy Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

- B. Public Hearing: AB20-99 – Resolution 2862** - Authorizing The Mayor To Declare Surplus/Trade-In Of RS541 Backhoe On Purchase of New Loader RS530.

Deputy Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. He asked City Clerk Edvalson if anyone submitted any comments to the Council on the topic of the hearing. No one submitted comments to the Council. Deputy Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

C. **Presentation:** Permit Activity Report.

Administrative/Economic Development Supervisor Jenn Francis provided an annual look at permit activity for 2019 and the first portion of the current year, 2020. She reviewed permits by the numbers, completed projects, new construction and remodels, and projects under construction.

D. **Council Open Discussion:**

Communities For Families Meeting. Councilmember Watson stated he attended the virtual Communities For Families Meeting on August 6, 2020 with Chief Bryan Jeter and Executive Assistant Leslie Harris. The Pierce County Veterans and Human Services did a presentation on resources for helping those in need including Veterans. Veterans can get help within three days by contacting Sean Dennerlein with the Pierce County Ending Veteran Homelessness Exploratory Task Force.

Census Project. Councilmember Watson stated he attended the Census Project Meeting on August 13, 2020. They discussed options on how to use the \$10,000.00 that was available to help the citizens that may not have access to the internet for filling out the census.

South Sound 911. Councilmember McClimans stated he attended the Finance Committee and Board Meeting for South Sound 911. The discussion during the meeting was how to be able to continue services to the community with the budget shortage due to the pandemic. An option was discussed to increase the cost of radios and assessment fees for being part of South Sound 911 for municipalities. The City of Bonney Lake would be impacted by these fees but perhaps not as much as other cities. The next Board Meeting is August 26, 2020.

Utility Customers. Councilmember Swatman reported the Community Development Committee had discussed utility customers in Bonney Lake that were in arrears. He asked Chief financial Officer Cherie Reierison if she had the numbers of how many were in arrears and what the number normally is.

Chief Financial Officer Reierison reported there were about 900 utility customers on the shutoff list and after sending out letters, about 400 of those paid their bills. She stated 900 was more than the City normally has monthly.

E. **Review Of Council Minutes:** August 4, 2020 Council Workshop and August 11, 2020 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Watson said that he reviewed the minutes of August 4, 2020 Council Workshop and August 11, 2020 Council Meeting and had no corrections. The draft minutes were forwarded to the August 25, 2020 Meeting for approval.

F. **Discussion: AB20-92 - Bonney Lake Food Bank.**

City Administrator Vodopich reviewed with Council the different options that are available to the Council to help the Bonney Lake Food Bank to secure a long term property location.

Councilmember Keith asked what the City has done in the past and is currently doing to help other non-profits secure locations. City Administrator Vodopich reported that some non-profits have a \$1.00 lease and/or the City pays the water/sewer utilities.

Councilmember McClimans said that he would like to receive more information before making a decision. He would like to know the practicality of the Food Bank being located in the downtown area versus other locations where more affordable housing is located, the accessibility to residents if they do not have vehicles, if the plans that the Food Bank presented will fit in with the downtown plan, how the new venue plan the Food Bank has will affect other Bonney lake businesses, and the demographics of residents that the Food bank is serving. He said he is hesitant to move forward helping the Food Bank to secure a long term location without knowing the answers to his questions and wonders if the Council should get the community's input on what they would like to see for the Food Bank. Councilmembers Swatman, Dole, and Keith agreed with Councilmember McClimans statement.

City Administrator Vodopich and Councilmember Watson provided some more information on other possible City owned properties for the Food Bank to relocate to, some demographics, the reasons for the relocation, the options of transportation for accessibility, and the downtown plan and how the Food Bank would fit in.

Councilmember Carter and Deputy Mayor Evans stated that they are excited to start the downtown plan and the Bonney Lake Food Bank could be the anchor to start the plan.

Councilmember Watson reminded Council that the Bonney lake Food Bank is trying to help the Bonney Lake community and businesses. He would like to see the Council give their support in securing a long term property location and keep the Food Bank in the City.

Councilmembers discussed different locations and costs associated with the locations. They agreed to offer a long term lease with the Bonney Lake Food Bank, but would like to discuss all possible locations before making a decision.

There was Council consensus to have a meeting with Executive Director Crnich and Board President Isham of the Bonney Lake Food Bank to discuss possible other properties within Bonney Lake that may also be a viable long term location and to go over the options that the City has to help secure a long term location at the next Council Workshop on September 1, 2020.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:21 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Evans with the common consent of the City Council.

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Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

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Justin Evans, Deputy Mayor

Items presented to Council at the August 18, 2020 Workshop:

(1) *Permit Activity Presentation*- Administrative/Economic Development Supervisor Jenn Francis.

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