

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
March 15, 2022
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. The public was also given the option to call in or attend virtually the Council Meeting

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Michael McCullough called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor McCullough, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Terry Carter, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Justin Evans called in and arrived in person at 6:15 p.m.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Interim Administrative Services Director/Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen, Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser, City Prosecutor Dena Burke, Planning and Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan, Administrative Specialist III Carol Paul, Administrative Specialist II Kasee Gallagher, and City Clerk Sadie Schaneman.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen and Recreation and Special Events Manager David Wells.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Presentation: Bonney Lake Food Bank

Bonney Lake Food Bank CEO Stacey Crnich introduced her staff in attendance and presented to Council a PowerPoint presentation on the Bonney Lake Food Bank. She discussed what the food bank does, how it supports small businesses, farms and the local community, goals, and grants.

She also discussed the need for funding at the food bank. Councilmembers asked questions and discussed what the food bank brings to local organizations and the community.

Councilmember Watson thanked the Bonney Lake Food Bank for doing a good job in the community. Councilmember Evans asked about the Team 28 Sustainability Plan where community members can donate 28 dollars per month

to help people in need. Councilmember Baldwin talked about her own experience from her past and that the Bonney Lake Food Bank brings dignity back to people in need. There was a Council consensus to table the discussion until the Council Retreat on May 21, 2022.

B. Council Open Discussion:

Communities For Families Coalition Meeting. Councilmember Watson attended the Communities For Families Coalition Meeting on March 3, 2022, with Councilmember Fullerton. There was a presentation about Lahars and the routes leading to Bonney Lake that will be used in case of a Lahar. Councilmember Watson said that he would like to discuss how the city will plan for this going forward to support all the evacuees from the valley.

Super-Secret Community Project. Councilmember Watson is a part of the Super-Secret Community Project where they will be putting together volunteers within our community to help clean up and move forward on some projects. He discussed Earth Day, Beautify Bonney Lake, and organizing clean-ups. He is looking forward to getting more people involved.

Keeping in Mind. Councilmember Watson visited Marilee Hill-Anderson, whose husband is very ill. He asked to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Small Businesses. Councilmember Baldwin has been visiting local small businesses and checking in. These businesses have communicated to her that they are getting inundated with regulations. She is going to start gathering information from small businesses to help them team up and support each other with questions and ideas. She wants to discuss at a workshop in the future, the possibility of reviewing the current city code and determine if they are necessary. Mayor McCullough discussed using Pierce County District 1 Councilmember Dave Morell as a resource. Councilmembers made suggestions and added input on helping small businesses in Bonney Lake.

Parks. Councilmember Fullerton would like a parks study done to look for opportunities for grants to fund new parks and other city parks projects.

C. Review Of Council Minutes: March 1, 2022, Council Workshop and March 8, 2022, Council Meeting.

Councilmembers Watson and Fullerton and Deputy Mayor Carter reported that they had provided Administrative Specialist II Kasee Gallagher with a number of corrections to the draft minutes. There was a general consensus of the Council to move the revised minutes forward to the next Council meeting for approval.

D. Action: None.

E. Discussion: B&O Tax/B&O Calculations.

Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen stated she had sent out a memo to Councilmembers giving information on adding a B&O Tax to leverage monies for a bond for city parks. Councilmember Evans discussed taking advantage of the .2% B&O Tax that the city can apply onto businesses to build or improve parks in our community.

Councilmembers discussed the need for funding parks and asked questions on how the tax would work, for how long, and the revenue it would bring in. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone state that the city is currently working on a Request For Proposal for a consultant to do a parks study, this will help to know what is needed for each park. Councilmember Baldwin had asked about using the tax to also help with a sewage plant in Bonney Lake. Public Service Director Ryan Johnstone stated the amount would start at 75-90 million as a base cost. There was a general consensus of the Council to table this discussion until the Council Retreat on May 21, 2022.

F. Discussion: City Attorney.

City Administrator John Vodopich brought to Council that the City Attorney gave her notice and asked what direction the city will take, a full-time in-house attorney or one that does billable hours. Mayor McCullough stated that the city deserved a full-time attorney. Councilmember Swatman questioned if a full-time attorney is needed and could be kept busy full-time. City Administrator John Vodopich stated that the average billable hours per month for 2020-2021 was 30-45 hours. Councilmember Evans asked what the cost gap would be. Councilmembers requested a study to be done over the last four years of cost with the current city attorney versus an in-house full-time attorney

There was a general consensus of the Council to table this discussion to a future workshop.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:52 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor McCullough with the common consent of the City Council.

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Sadie A. Schaneman

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Sadie A. Schaneman, CMC, City Clerk

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Michael McCullough

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Michael McCullough, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the March 15, 2022 Workshop:

- (1) *Food Bank PowerPoint* – Stacie Crnich

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