

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

July 21, 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** – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, 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.

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, Police Chief Bryan Jeter, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reierison, Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen, Interim Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Executive Assistant/Management Analyst Leslie Harris, and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

### III. AGENDA ITEMS:

**A. Council Open Discussion:**

Allan Yorke Park. Councilmember Watson thanked administration for the difficult decision they had to make on closing the Allan Yorke Park swim area and having to answer all the calls about the closure.

Councilmembers discussed the importance of reopening the swim area to residents and also the safety of visitors while they are enjoying the park.

Mayor Johnson said that he wants to get the swim area reopened as soon as the City can. Staff and Council will work on guidelines and other safety measures such as limiting the number of visitors at the swim area, doing bag checks, and security. He said that most of the safety issues that have happened at the Allan

Yorke swim area are from out of town visitors and not from Bonney Lake residents. The city is researching long term solutions for the park.

Councilmember McClimans suggested having a joint Planning Commission, Park Commission, Police Department, and Council meeting to discuss ideas for Allan Yorke Park since the issues involve money, traffic, and safety.

Deputy Mayor Evans thanked the Mayor, administration, and the police for their leadership and hard work on making the decision to close the swim area at Allan Yorke Park.

Public Safety Building. Councilmember Dole asked if the police were going to expand into the area of the public safety building that the fire department occupies after the fire department moves across the street.

Mayor Johnson said currently the police are planning to use the fire department space. City Administrator Vodopich said that in the upcoming biennial budget, the administration is looking at designs of what will be needed and the layout of the public safety building in order to have the police department expand to use the fire department side also.

Budget and Council Retreat. Deputy Mayor Evans said that he would like to look into having a possible virtual council retreat to discuss the upcoming budget plans, other city issues and items that Council hasn't been able to discuss since the pandemic started.

Contingency Funding. Deputy Mayor Evans reminded Council that in an upcoming Council Workshop, they will have discussions on the contingency funds accounts.

Council Meetings. Deputy Mayor Evans asked if there was a date set when the Council would be able to start meeting in person again or if the new guidelines set by the Governor changed expectations of in person meetings.

City Attorney Haggard reported that the Governor's proclamation on the Open Public Meetings Act and the meeting guidelines have been extended for thirty days at a time.

Interim Public Services Director Johnstone. Deputy Mayor Evans thanked Mr. Johnstone for helping out a resident that has a unique situation with his property involving the City, County, and the School District for zoning. He said Mr. Johnstone and staff researched and helped the resident to reach out to the County to get answers and helped with figuring out what to do.

- B. **Review Of Council Minutes:** June 16, 2020 Council Workshop, June 23, 2020 Council Meeting and July 14, 2020 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Carter said that they had no corrections to the proposed minutes of the June 16, 2020 Council Workshop, June 23, 2020 Council Meeting and July 14, 2020 Council Meeting. The draft minutes were forwarded to the July 28, 2020 Meeting for approval.

- C. **Discussion/Action: AB20-84 – Ordinance D20-84 - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Sections 10.36.015 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portion Of Ordinance Nos. 1575 And 1612 Relating To Restricted Parking.**

City Administrator Vodopich presented to Council amending Sections 10.36.015 of the Bonney Lake Municipal Code and the corresponding portion of Ordinance Numbers 1575 and 1612 relating to restricted parking. He explained this was due to the issues the city has been having with parking on Sky Island Drive which is not a legal parking area.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance D20-84. Deputy Mayor Evans seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Evans asked about the reason for an ordinance to address something that was not an issue before, and is popular for watching the sunset. Councilmember McClimans also expressed concern about closing down an area that is a city asset and agrees that there was no prior issues. Councilmember Watson stated that shutting down streets will only have the issues move to another area.

Chief Jeter explained that the issues started mostly with the pandemic and is mostly teenagers not the adults. With nothing to do during the pandemic, the teenagers have been car racing, drinking, throwing trash, playing loud music, and stepping into traffic unsafely at the location on Sky Island. The police have talked to the teenagers and let them know as long as they are not drinking, littering, playing loud music, speeding and are being safe then they will be allowed to stay but the police are still having to go there almost nightly because of complaints. Unfortunately unless the police physically see anyone drinking, speeding, littering, or playing loud music they cannot cite them and cannot do searches without probable cause. Chief Jeter explained that he talked with City Engineer Woodcock and the road shoulder of Sky Island Drive is not designed for parking and is for emergency use only. Councilmember Keith stated that she understands that this area is a great place for picture taking but said she has also seen all the same issues that the Chief has stated at the entrance to Inlet Island and feels that the situation is very unsafe. Councilmember Carter agrees with Councilmember Keith and Chief Jeter on the issues. He has had complaints from the residents in Sky Island about them being blocked from using private driveways from all the illegal parking.

Mayor Johnson explained that with the shoulder of the road not being designed as a parking area, it poses as a potential liability to the city.

Councilmember McClimans asked about proposing to place a sunset clause on the ordinance in order to see if things change once the pandemic is over and the restrictions are lifted. City Attorney Haggard asked if Council wanted to place a motion to add a sunset clause.

Councilmember McClimans motioned to add a sunset clause to Ordinance D20-84 be reviewed in May 2023. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

**Motion to amend approved 4 – 3.**  
**Deputy Mayor Evans and Councilmembers Keith and Carter voted no.**

Deputy Mayor Evans asked if the city should start looking into other areas that have places that are used for parking but are not designated or designed for parking and assess them to be consistent and not do an ordinance only when an issue comes up. Mayor Johnson agreed and will ask City Engineer Woodcock to look into getting an assessment started.

Mayor Johnson called for the vote on passing amended Ordinance D20-84. Councilmember Dole verified that the Council is voting on passing the ordinance with the sunset clause added. He asked if that meant placing no parking signs and then reevaluating in 2023. Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Edvalson explained that as amended the Council will need to do an affirmative action in 2023 to keep the ordinance.

**Amended Ordinance D20-84 approved 6 – 0.**  
**Councilmember Keith voted no.**

- D. **Discussion/Action: AB20-83 – Motion** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Allocate Up To \$300,000 Of The City’s Portion Of The Cares Act Funding For Bonney Lake Small Business And Residential Utility Assistance Programs.

Executive Assistant/Management Analyst Harris reviewed with Council the city’s proposal to allocate up to \$300,000 of the city’s portion of the Cares Act funding toward Bonney Lake small business and residential utility assistance programs. She explained the small business assistance program would be for Bonney Lake businesses which must have a current city business license, have 10 or fewer full time employees, and be able to show documentation of hardship due to COVID-19. The business could receive a grant up to \$1500.00. If the number of applicants exceed the amount of funding available, the decision process will be done by lottery drawing.

The residential utility assistance program will be for all water and sewer residential customers within the Bonney Lake service area. Customers must be able to show documentation of being affected by COVID-19. The applications will be reviewed by a committee and those approved for assistance could receive a grant up to \$500.00 that will go directly to their utility account. Executive Assistant/Management Analyst Harris explained the Washington State Department of Commerce requires documentation in order for the city to be reimbursed for the grants.

Council discussed and asked questions about the process of applying for the grants, decisions, and how to let people know about the grants. Executive Assistant/Management Analyst Harris and Chief Financial Officer Reiersen answered Council questions about the process of applying for the grants, the approval process, and how to let people know about the grants.

Councilmember McClimans moved to approve AB20-83-Motion.  
Councilmember Keith seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

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

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:02 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Johnson with the common consent of the City Council.**

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Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

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Items presented to Council at the July 21, 2020 Workshop: None.

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