

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 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.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Johnson led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending virtually were Deputy Mayor Justin Evans, Councilmember Terry Carter, Councilmember Todd Dole, Councilmember Michelle Keith, Councilmember J. 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, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen, Human Resources Manager Jenna Richardson, Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen, Interim Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, City Engineer John Woodcock, and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

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

### II. **PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. Public Hearings: None.
- B. Citizen Comments: None.

- C. Correspondence: None.

### III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Evans reported that the Finance Committee met virtually today at 5:00 p.m. The Committee discussed labor openings for a bailiff position and two police officers in background check status. He reported that two recreation coordinators and two directors are coming back on July 1, 2020. The Committee discussed a possible agreement with Capella Music Academy to paint the building that the City currently owns, and discussed the options for doing open public meetings when the Governor's proclamation ends on July 1, 2020.
- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Swatman reported that the Community Development Committee did meet and forwarded AB20-70, AB20-71, and AB20-73 to the Consent Agenda and AB20-72 to Community Development Committee Issues.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Carter reported that the Public Safety Committee did not meet and is expected to have their next meeting on July 14, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
- D. Other Reports: None.

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approval of Corrected Minutes**: June 2, 2020 Council Workshop and June 9, 2020 Council Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers**: Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85592-, #85632 and wire transfers #14233883, #2020021201, #2020040201, #2020040202, #2020040203, #2020040204, #2020050401, #2020050402, #2020050403, #2020050404, #2020060201, #2020060202, #2020060203 and #2020060204 in the amount of \$231,290.50. P-Card wire transfer #2020051701 in the amount of \$26,710.73 **VOIDS**:None.
- C. **Approval of Payroll**: June 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2020 for checks #34265-34266 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$634,849.31.
- D. **AB20-29 – Ordinance D20-29** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Relating To Finance, Imposing A Sales And Use Tax For Affordable And Supportive Housing In Accordance With RCW 84.14.540, Fixing The Rate Of The Tax, Defining The Permissible Uses Of The Proceeds Of The Tax, Setting An Expiration Date, And Adding And

Readopting Chapter 3.32 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code Entitled Affordable Housing Sales Tax Fund.

- E. **AB20-66 – Resolution 2843** – A Resolution Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting The Project Charter And Public Participation Plan For The Bonney Lake – Sumner Coordinated Housing Action Plan.
- F. **AB20-70 – Resolution 2844** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing A Contract With Apply-A-Line, LLC. For The 2020 Street Striping Project.
- G. **AB20-71 – Resolution 2845** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing A Contract With Stripe Rite, Inc. For The 2020 Pavement Markings Project.
- H. **AB20-73 – Resolution 2847** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Award Of Contract With MB Electric, LLC For The Lakeridge Generator Improvements.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Evans seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

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

**VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES:**

- A. **AB20-72 – Resolution 2846** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Acquiring Right Of Way For The Fennel Creek Trail Segment 2A, Project Parcel #12 / Timothy J & Catherine S. Jewell.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Motion AB20-72. Councilmember Keith seconded.**

Councilmember McClimans asked about the relationship between the City and the property owners during negotiations and if the city staff go to the meetings for negotiations. City Engineer John Woodcock explained that the property owners are given the different options, they ask questions, and they can decide what they want to do. A diary of conversations is kept to ensure that the property owners are making the choice of their own free will. The City will answer any questions they have.

Councilmember Swatman explained that by having a third party consultant to help with the negotiations, the property owners can get all their questions answered and not feel pressured into the agreement.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

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

**VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:**

- A. **AB20-74 – Motion** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Waiving The Open Recruitment Provisions Of Resolution No. 2296 To Facilitate The Internal Promotion Of An Appointed Officer Of The City.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Motion AB20-72.  
Councilmember McClimans seconded.**

Mayor Johnson explained to Council that this motion is to waive the open recruitment provisions in order to promote Interim Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone to the position of Public Services Director. He explained that Mr. Johnstone is doing a great job as Interim Public Services Director, is responsive to Councilmembers, a good team player with staff, and knows the City and the utility system. Councilmember Watson said that he supports the decision, agrees Mr. Johnstone understands the processes well, and he is always willing to stop and answer questions or get answers for Council.

Councilmember Keith said that she has always been an advocate for making positions open to the public to ensure that the City will be hiring the right person for the position. And while she believes the cream will rise to the top in an open recruitment, she said that Mr. Johnstone has always been responsive, helpful, and takes citizens' concerns very seriously. Therefore, she is in support of this motion.

Councilmember Carter explained that the process to have open recruitment was made so that the best person for the position would rise to the top. He said that he feels Mr. Johnstone would and that he has done a great job but the process is there and should be followed. Councilmember McClimans agreed that the process is there and it should be followed.

Councilmember Dole said he decided to support this motion due to conversations with Mr. Johnstone and seeing how he works with his team and how well they interact together. The good job that Mr. Johnstone has done shows in his team.

**Motion approved 4 – 3.**

**Councilmembers Carter, McClimans, and Swatman voted no.**

**IX. CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 6:17 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Johnson with the common consent of the City Council.**

DocuSigned by:

*Harwood T. Edvalson*

Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

DocuSigned by:

*Neil Johnson, Jr.*

Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Items presented to Council at the Meeting for the record: None.

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