

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 09, 2024  
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.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Terry Carter, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Carter led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call: City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor Carter, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, and Councilmember Dan Roach.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Assistant Chief of Police James Keller, Interim Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, City Prosecutor Dena Burke, Legal Specialist II Carol Paul, Maintenance Worker III Joe Lovett, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, and Records & Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen, Judge Joanna Daniels, Assistant to City Administrator Leslie Harris, Recreation & Special Events Manager David Wells, Administrative Specialist II Debbie McDonald, and City Attorney Jennifer Robertson.

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

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**1. Announcement:**

*Councilmember Fullerton:*

Communities for Families Coalition: Councilmember Fullerton shared that she attended the Communities for Families Coalition Meeting on April 4, 2024. They are preparing for the Community Summit and there is a friendly competition between Bonney Lake and Sumner Council to bring in the most needed “essential” items. Collection bins will be located at both cities.

2. **Appointment: AB24-20 – Motion M24-20** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Consenting To The Mayor's Reappointment Of Planning Commissioners Grant Sulham To Position #3 And Debbie Strous-Boyd To Position #4 And The Appointment Of Sara Wood To Planning Commission Position #6 All With Terms Expiring On April 6, 2027.

**Councilmember McClimans moved to approve the Motion.  
Councilmember Hubler seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

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

A. Public Hearings: None.

B. Citizen Comments:

Dan Decker, 20401 70th St E, Bonney Lake: Spoke about lethal poisons and how the government has used trickery to get us to take it.

Erin Muske, Bonney Lake Library: Gave updates on upcoming Library events such as the Kindness club, Daffodil Princess reading and she also let Council know that the Tehaleh Rotary Club will be organizing a road cleanup April 20<sup>th</sup> for the trash that is on the sides of the road going up the hill.

Laurie Shapiro, 7214 194<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Bonney Lake: Thanked the city for the no parking signs on 194<sup>th</sup>, inquired about no towing signs and expressed her concern for the boat launch and park security.

Steve McCoy, 16911 42<sup>nd</sup> Ct. E.: Expressed appreciation for Council for everything they do they do, their dedication, and their commitment.

C. Correspondence: None.

**III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Swatman reported the Finance Committee met in person and virtually today at 5:00 p.m. The Committee went thru personnel updates, discussed and forwarded AB24-32 to a future meeting, discussed website updates, the recreation program, and approved their minutes.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Fullerton reported the Community Development Committee met in person and virtually on April 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The Committee discussed and forwarded AB24-25 and AB24-

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26 to a future meeting, discussed the wastewater treatment tour and approved their minutes.

- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Baldwin reported the Public Safety Committee met in person and virtually today at 3:30 p.m. The Committee received an update from the Police Department and East Pierce Fire and Rescue; received a report from the Emergency Manager and the Prosecutor, reviewed the Allan Yorke Park operational plan, discussed and forwarded AB24-28 to a future meeting and approved their minutes.
- D. Other Reports: None.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **Approval of Corrected Minutes:** March 19, 2024, City Council Workshop and March 26, 2024, City Council Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable check/vouchers #96509 to #96590, and wire transfers #2024030101, #2024030401, #2024031317, #2024032101, #2024032401, #2024032402, and #2024031701 in the amount of \$787,158.11. **Voids:** None.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** March 16 – 31, 2024 for checks #34959 - 34968 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers totaling \$929,035.75. **Voids:** None.

**Councilmember Fullerton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Roach seconded the motion.**

**Consent Agenda 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. **City Council Candidate Speeches/Interviews (15 minutes per candidate).**

Mayor Carter went over the interview process. He explained that at the conclusion of the interviews the Council will go into an executive session and return to the meeting to open the floor for nominations and voting.

The applicants were interviewed in the following order:

Jessie Lovett

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Chris Blanco  
Aaron Davis  
Rod Vincent  
Teresa Caron  
Joe Finden

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**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Carter announced the City Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to discuss the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. Mayor Carter announced the meeting would last 20 minutes. The meeting began at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Carter requested a 15-minute continuation at 8:06 p.m., City Administrator John Vodopich a 15-minute continuation at 8:21 p.m., Sadie Schaneman a 2-minute continuation at 8:36 p.m., City Administrator John Vodopich a 5-minute continuation at 8:38 p.m., and the session concluded at 8:43 p.m.

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**X. DISCUSSION REGARDING VACANCY:**

Mayor Carter opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Fullerton nominated Teresa Caron. Councilmember Hubler nominated Jessie Lovett. Councilmember Roach nominated Chris Blanco. Mayor Carter closed the nominations.

Each nominee received 3 votes resulting in a tie. Mayor Carter asked if any Councilmember was willing to change their vote to reach a majority. All Councilmembers voted no to changing their votes.

**Councilmember McClimans moved to reopen nominations. Councilmember Swatman seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 4 – 2.  
Councilmember Baldwin and Fullerton voted no.**

Councilmember Roach nominated Aaron Davis.

Mayor Carter asked for votes and each nominee received 3 votes resulting in a tie. With no majority vote again, Council decided to go into executive session to discuss nominees.

**Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m. and to go into executive session. Councilmember Fullerton seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

Mayor Carter announced the City Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to discuss the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. Mayor Carter announced the meeting would last 20 minutes. The meeting began at 8:53 p.m.

City Administrator John Vodopich requested a 20-minute continuation at 8:53 p.m., a 10-minute continuation at 9:13 p.m., a 10-minute continuation at 9:23 p.m., and the session concluded at 9:33 p.m.

**Councilmember Hubler moved to postpone the nominations to the April 16<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop. Councilmember McClimans seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 9:36 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter 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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*Terry Carter*  
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Terry Carter, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the April 09, 2024, Meeting for the record: None.

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