

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 7, 2023
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 Michael McCullough, called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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 Justin Evans, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Planning and Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan, Executive Assistant/Management Analyst Leslie Harris, Customer Service Manager Stephanie Tonellato, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Records and Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw, and City Attorney Jennifer Robertson.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reierison, City Prosecutor Dena Burke, and Administrative Specialist III Carol Paul.

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III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Open Discussion:

Councilmember Watson:

Community For Families Meeting. Councilmember Watson was accompanied by Chief of Police Bryan Jeter and Deputy Mayor Carter, he spoke about their Adult Mental Health First Aid training offered on April 15 and that the Community Summit will be held on April 18.

Councilmember Watson:

Bonney Lake Food Bank. Councilmember Watson shared that he was informed the food bank is in need of food and donations due to the high demand. He suggested a possible food drive to help with donations.

Councilmember Watson:

Post Office. Councilmember Watson shared that he received a complaint regarding the hours of the Post office and lack of staff and asked if this is something the Council could explore.

Councilmember Baldwin:

Cooking for City Employees. Councilmember Baldwin noted that Maple Valley's Councilmembers cook a meal for the city staff to show appreciation and thought it was something our Councilmembers could plan on doing this Summer.

Councilmember Evans:

Chili Cookoff. Councilmember Evans shared that he was able to stop by the Public Service Center for the City Employee Chili Cookoff. He said it was a great time, the chili was good, and he enjoyed seeing everyone having an enjoyable time.

All Councilmembers:

Legislative. Councilmember Fullerton asked about the procedure to have Bonney Lake take an official stand on any legislative issue. City Attorney Jennifer Robertson stated that Councilmembers could vote as individual city residents or take a Council vote and send in a letter. She also mentioned that having Council prepare a legislative agenda annually will help staff to research, gather information, and keep the Council updated on specific legislative bills. Councilmember Evans reminded Councilmember Fullerton that Pierce County Regional Council also discusses and brings forward cities official stand on items.

Councilmember Baldwin informed Council of Senate Bill 5352 being shot down in legislative session and if Bonney Lake could take an informal stand. Council discussed different ways to take an informal stand by proclamation, letters, and by Resolutions.

Deputy Mayor Carter moved to add to tonight's agenda to have staff draft, the Mayor to Sign, and to send a letter to Legislation stating the City's Position on Senate Bill 53:52. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Mayor McCullough opened the floor to public comment.

Becky Conway 2420 185th Ave E – Bonney Lake: Shared how she feels the State is in complete demise and how we need someone from the city to do something.

Quinn Dahlstrom, 6527 193rd Ave E, Bonney Lake: Is in full support of the city sending in a letter.

Randy Conway 2420 185th Ave E, Bonney Lake: Stated he would love to see Council vote in support of this Bill.

Teresa McClimans 19025 68th St E, Bonney Lake: Said she encourages the Council and City to do their due diligence and supports them moving forward.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Councilmember McClimans:

Traffic. Councilmember McClimans shared that he received a complaint regarding the traffic and safety hazard on Locust Ave.

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- B. **Review Of Council Minutes:** January 17, 2023, Council Workshop and January 24, 2023, Council Meeting.

The draft minutes were forwarded with no corrections to the February 14, 2023, Meeting for approval.

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- C. **Discussion:** Leak Adjustment.
Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen and Customer Service Manager Stephanie Tonellato

Councilmember Swatman went over the current policy and code for leak adjustments and noted that he feels a new policy should be addressed and that currently from his understanding there is no way around the current policy in place. He thanked the Finance Department for putting together the informational packet and for all the information concerning the current leak adjustment from a resident.

Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Suggestions for revising the code.
- Additional ways the city can assist with known leaks.
- Putting together a subcommittee.

There was a general council consensus to further discuss this issue at the next Community Development Committee meeting.

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- D. **Discussion:** AB23-23: PTO Plan Update – Public Engagement.
Planning & Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan

Introduced by Planning & Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan who gave an overview of the PTO Plan (Parks, Trails, and Open Space) and stated that a Councilmember volunteer is needed to sit on the Steering Committee.

Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Certain language proposed in the documents.
- Ways of reaching the community for votes.
- Who would best be suited to sit on the committee.

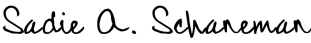
Councilmember Evans made a motion to support Councilmember Baldwin as the representative for the Council on the PTO Plan Steering Committee. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.


Motion approved 7 – 0.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:50 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor McCullough with the common consent of the City Council.

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Sadie A. Schaneman, CMC, City Clerk

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Michael McCullough, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the February 07, 2023, Workshop: None

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