

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 2021
6:00 P.M.



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Minutes

Location: Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington

Virtual Location: <https://bluejeans.com/215767540>

By Telephone: 408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 215 767 540#)

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

- A. Pledge of Allegiance: Deputy Mayor Justin Evans, led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Woody Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Justin Evans, elected officials attending were, Councilmember Terry Carter, Councilmember Todd Dole, Councilmember Angela Ishmael, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. arrived late due to technical issues.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Human Resources Manager Jenna Richardson, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Deputy City Attorney/Prosecutor Dena Burke, Deputy City Clerk Sadie Schaneman and Administrative Specialist II Jessica Chavez.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City's BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reierison, Municipal Court Judge Joanna Daniels, City Engineer John Woodcock, Planning and Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan, Recreation and Special Events Coordinator David Wells, Administrative Services III Carol Paul and City Attorney Jeff Ganson.

- C. Agenda Modifications: None.
- D. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:
 - 1. **Proclamation** – Harwood “Woody” Edvalson Day.
Deputy Mayor Evans read the proclamation marking September 30, 2021 as Harwood “Woody” Edvalson Day. Deputy City Clerk Sadie Schaneman presented to City Clerk Edvalson a gift from Citizen Quinn Dahlstrom recognizing his hard work and dedication to the City.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Public Hearings: None.
- B. Citizen Comments:
 - 1. Dan Decker – 204 170th Street E, Bonney Lake. Expressed his views on government issues, the President and current global politics including Afghanistan and lithium batteries.
 - 2. Michael McCullough – Address 17802 106th St E Bonney Lake. Stated he was a candidate for Mayor in the upcoming election and addressed the Council on the issue of his campaign banner being vandalized three times. Mr. McCullough noted he wanted to have on record the criminal actions taking place on his banner. He said he was grateful to everyone who has taken the time to speak with him on the issue and addressed concern for the attitude that this is “par for the course” when it comes to political campaigns. He also stated he discovered a troubling notion that community members feel property crimes will not be prosecuted and had spoken with Chief Jeter about solutions.
- C. Correspondence: None.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Evans reported the Finance Committee met today at 5:00 p.m. The Committee had a personnel update and reviewed items AB21-133 and AB21-128 that appear on tonight’s Consent Agenda for approval. The committee also recommended item AB21-125 for approval at the next Council Meeting on October 12, 2021 and approved minutes.
- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Swatman reported the Community Development Committee met on September 21, 2021. The Committee had a Public Services Center project update, recommended AB21-126 for discussion at the next Council Workshop and approved minutes.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Carter reported the Public Safety Committee rescheduled their meeting from September 14, 2021 and met on September 21, 2021. The Committee had monthly reports from East Pierce Fire & Rescue and the Bonney Lake Police Department and discussed several items of business including an Interlocal agreement for fire inspection services with East Pierce Fire and Rescue, the draft senior center sheltering policy and the second internet back up connection. The committee also held open discussions about the South Sound 911 meeting and boat launch signage.
- D. Other Reports: None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approval of Corrected Minutes:** September 7, 2021 Council Workshop and September 14, 2021 Council Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:**
Accounts Payable check/vouchers #89697 - #89776 and wire transfers #22007878, #2021082001 in the amount of \$1,566,132.13.
P-Card wire transfer #2021081701 in the amount of \$34,970.17.
Accounts Payable check/vouchers #89777 - #89839 and wire transfers #2021083046, #2021090201, #2021090202, #2021090203, #2021090204, #2021090501, #2021090884, #2021091001, #2021091002, and #2021091003 in the amount of \$247,995.53.
Accounts Payable check/vouchers #89840 - #89879 in the amount of \$7927.43.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** September 1 – 15, 2021 for checks #34455-34459 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers totaling \$762,599.07.
- D. **AB21-116 – Resolution 2972** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Bonney Lake, Washington And The City Of Orting, Washington For Building Inspection Services.
- E. **AB21-128 – Resolution 2979** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement For Legal Services With Gunderson Law Office, PLLC.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilmember Carter seconded the motion.**

Motion approved 7 – 0.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:

- A. **AB21-133 – Motion** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Resignation Agreement With Jenna Richardson, Human Resources Manager.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve the motion.
Councilmember Carter seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Carter stated his concern was that something similar had been done for another employee who recently resigned and that they are setting themselves up for a precedent in the future. He noted that he does not want resignations to be a big negotiation and for that reason he did not support this. Councilmember Watson agreed with Councilmember Carter that this is something

to look at in the future, but that HR Manager Richardson has done a fantastic job for the City and he supports this agreement. Councilmember McClimans asked what the impact would be if the item does not pass. City Administrator Vodopich explained the terms of the agreement, outlined the benefits of having Richardson provide services until the end of 2021 and went over potential repercussions if the agreement was not passed.

Motion failed 3 – 4.
(Councilmembers Carter, Swatman, Ishmael and McClimans voted no)

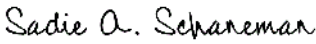
VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.


VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES: None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:27 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Johnson, Jr with the common consent of the City Council.

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Sadie A. Schaneman, CMC, Interim City Clerk

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NEIL JOHNSON, JR., Mayor

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

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