

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

August 17, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Minutes



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Location: Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington
Virtual Location: <https://bluejeans.com/215767540?src=calendarLink&flow=joinmeeting>
By Telephone: 408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 215 767 540#)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Deputy Mayor Evans, called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Deputy City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Evans, elected officials attending were Councilmember Terry Carter, Councilmember Todd Dole, Councilmember Angela Ishmael, Councilmember James (Kelly) McClimans, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Mayor Neil Johnson Jr., was not in attendance.

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, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Planning & Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Administrative Specialist II Jessica Chavez and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen and Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen.

III. **AGENDA ITEMS:**

A. **Council Open Discussion:**

Communities for Families Coalition (CFF) Meeting. Councilmember Watson said that he and Councilmember Swatman attended the CFF Meeting on August 05, 2021. He stated that there was a good turnout and discussions about back to school events, school supplies and future CFF meetings.

Public Comments during Council Meetings. Councilmember Swatman noted for the Council and himself that the public comment period for citizens is “free speech” and not a two way dialog. He clarified that when a Councilmember does not respond to a citizen during public comments, it does not mean that the Council agrees with the statement being made. Councilmember Carter stated that he seconded what Councilmember Swatman said about public comments.

Council Meetings with Committees/Commission. Councilmember Watson suggested that Council meetings could be more constructive and full by having committees and

commissions being involved during the Council Meetings instead of meeting individually. Councilmember Carter said that he agreed with Councilmember Watson on having committees and commissions meet with the Council more as a whole instead of individually so that the Council could be better informed. Councilmember Swatman stated he also agreed with Councilmembers Watson and Dole on addressing the meeting structures in January. Councilmember Ishmael also agreed that it would add greater value to Council discussions and be beneficial to the public.

B. Review Of Council Minutes: August 03, 2021 Council Workshop and August 10, 2021 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Carter reported that they had provided Administrative Specialist II Jessica Chavez with two minor corrections to the draft minutes. There was a general consensus of the Council to move the revised minutes forward to the next Council meeting for approval.

C. Discussion: Emergency Management Position – Public Safety Committee Members.

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk/Emergency Management Coordinator Woody Edvalson went over the memo that had been provided to the Council. He highlighted the history, need, recommendations and salary range for hiring an emergency management position. He also went over an organizational chart for current emergency management positions and described why the City needs to be better prepared to respond to a disaster that will undoubtedly happen as it has become apparent that Bonney Lake will be looked at to provide some sort of regional support up on the plateau.

Councilmember Ishmael said that she is 100% behind hiring someone to be directly involved in emergency management. She stated that all schools will be directed up the hill in an emergency event and feels that the City is not currently able to properly set up to execute an emergency plan on that type of scale.

Councilmembers Watson and Swatman asked several questions about the City providing these resources verses utilizing the current Interlocal Agreement that is in place. Councilmember Swatman also expressed how he felt it would be best to utilize experts at a regional level verses hiring an additional staff member. City Clerk Edvalson and Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone answered questions and explained the importance of having a dedicated staff member at the City level to tailor to the needs of the City in the event of a disaster. Edvalson and Johnstone also explained how the responsibilities for this position should not be spread among multiple employees or considered extra duties as assigned for current staff due to the importance of the role and the time required to properly train and prepare for emergencies.

City Administrator Vodopich gave the suggestion of a two year contracted position and stated options will be brought forward to the Council to consider further at the mid-biennial budget.

- D. **Discussion: AB21-74 – Ordinance D21-74 – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapters 18.29 And Section 18.08.020 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Numbers 748, 788, 851, 908, 1099, 1230, 1416, 1428, 1483, 1520, 1533, 1568, 1584, 1634, 1644, And 1651 And Repealing Chapter 18.33 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Numbers 1454, 1524, 1634, And 1641 Related To Permitted Uses And Development Regulations For Eastown.**

Planning and Building Supervisor Sullivan went over the permitted uses and development regulations for Eastown. He explained the changes would help create family wage jobs and increase flexibility in development opportunities.

Councilmember Carter asked about gyms and other types of recreational uses in the same area. Sullivan said there has not been any changes to the code to include these types of uses but more for light industrial use. Councilmember Ishmael asked about what flexibility was being given to the development. Sullivan explained the flexibility was for industrial standards versus measured prescriptive standards and how expanding the permitted use was to support the development that is already occurring.

Councilmember McClimans requested to add recreational uses, art facilities, meeting spaces and other gathering spaces to the permitted uses. Sullivan explained these items should not be a problem to add if this is what the Council wanted.

Council agreed to move the Ordinance to the Consent Agenda at the next Council Meeting on August 24, 2021.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:18 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Evans with the common consent of the City Council.

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 JUSTIN EVANS, Deputy Mayor

Items presented to Council at the August 17, 2021 Workshop: None.

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