

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 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, Assistant Chief Kurt Alfano, City Engineer John Woodcock, Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen, Interim Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

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

- 1. **AB20-54 – Motion** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Ratifying The Mayor's Re-Appointments Of Melissa Deckman, Skyler Gallucci, And Molly Williams To The Arts Commission And Pablo Monroy To The Park Commission.

Councilmember Watson moved to ratify the appointments. Deputy Mayor Evans seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said all these Commissioners have done a great job and he is happy to see they all want to continue on the boards.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

2. **AB20-75 – Motion** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Approving The Appointment Of Ryan Johnstone As Public Services Director.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the appointment of Ryan Johnstone as Public Services Director. Deputy Mayor Evans seconded the motion.

Councilmember Carter explained he has been against appointing people to a position instead of holding an open recruitment process. He said he has a hard time approving the motion because of feeling firmly there should always be an open recruitment. He does feel Mr. Johnstone will be a great Public Services Director but he feels the Administration should follow the process to fill the position.

Councilmember Swatman said he also agrees the City should follow the process. He has worked with Mr. Johnstone on several things including on the Community Development Committee and feels Mr. Johnstone will be the best for the position. He said he cannot vote for this motion not because of Mr. Johnstone being appointed, but because of believing there should have been an open recruitment.

Councilmember McClimans said he would like to thank Mr. Johnstone for all the work he has done. He agrees the process is important and would like to have the City find a way to start following the process without bypass. He knows it is hard to find a way to keep employees who are great and want to stay with an organization but also knows that without a process, getting new people in to mentor is limiting. He said he will be supporting the appointment of Mr. Johnstone as Public Services Director tonight.

Mayor Johnson stated that when it had come to the Chief of Police position, the Council had voted unanimously for Mr. Jeter. The Council knew they wanted someone who knew the City and Mr. Jeter lived in the City and knew the area well. With Mr. Johnstone, he knows the water and sewer system for the City very well and understands the processes for the City. Bringing in someone new would also bring a learning curve the City will not have with Mr. Johnstone.

Councilmember Watson said he was in the interview process when Mr. Johnstone was originally hired. He was impressed with him then and still feels he is the best for the position. He said he understands the other Councilmembers positions but feels if everyone knows that Mr. Johnstone is the best for the position, then why do the process if it will end with the same results.

Deputy Mayor Evans agrees with Councilmember Watson. He feels Mr. Johnstone is the right person for the position. The City will save money by not doing a recruitment. Losing Mr. Johnstone in any capacity within the City would be detrimental he feels.

Councilmember Keith said she is a public employee and does hiring, and in the past has been against appointing people to positions instead of going thru an open recruitment process. She feels in this circumstance Mr. Johnstone is the best person for the position and he has proven himself and does a great job. She said she will be supporting the motion to appoint Mr. Johnstone as Public Services Director tonight. She thanked Mr. Johnstone for all his work.

Councilmember Dole said that he supports the motion mainly because Mr. Johnstone's leadership shows in his team and how the facilities run efficiently.

**Motion approved 5 – 2.
Councilmembers Carter and Swatman voted no.**

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 briefly discussed the candidates for the police department positions and filling the Parks department open position. The city has a Maintenance I and II position on the water side of public works, but the recruitment is on hold due to the pandemic. Union negotiations will be starting soon and the city has four regular staff returns in the Recreation Department back at work. The Committee reviewed and forwarded a motor vehicle damage reimbursement ordinance to the July 28th meeting, will be

discussing a utility grant at the next workshop on July 21st, and had an in-depth discussion on contingency funding that will be brought for further discussion at a future workshop.

- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Swatman reported that the Community Development Committee met virtually on July 7, 2020. The Committee forwarded AB20-77 and AB20-78 to the consent agenda tonight, they set a public hearing for the 6 year TIP, and approved minutes.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Carter reported that the Public Safety Committee met virtually today at 3:30 p.m. The Committee would like to give their condolences to the Bothell Police Department for the loss of a fellow police officer. The Committee discussed placing no parking signs in Sky Island and have forwarded the item to Council for discussion and action on July 21, 2020 workshop, forwarded AB20-76 to the consent agenda tonight, and discussed the lateral applicants that are being processed and hopefully will be hired soon.
- D. Other Reports:

Parks and Recreation- Mayor Johnson reported that the City should have a report about updates on how parks and recreation will be opening to Council by next week. He said there have been calls about Allan Yorke Park and all the people there not wearing masks. The city has been educating people.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approval of Corrected Minutes:** No minutes to Approve.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:**
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85636- #85656 in the amount of \$855.43.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85657- #85691 in the amount of \$4,990.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85692- #85765 in the amount of \$1,223.75.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85766- #85791 in the amount of \$3,034.25.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85792- #85837 in the amount of \$5,720.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85838- #85943 in the amount of \$3,100.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85944- #85995 in the amount of \$2,925.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85996- #86007 in the amount of \$1,820.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #86008- #86156 in the amount of \$3,540.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #86157- #86186 in the amount of \$2,667.80.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #86187- #86215 in the amount of \$2,707.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #86216- #86233 in the amount of \$1005.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #86234- #86255 in the amount of \$1,200.00.
 Accounts Payable check/vouchers #85633, #85634 and #85635 and #86256-
 #86315 and wire transfers #42320201, #2020060101, #2020060901 and
 #2020060902 in the amount of \$287,502.60. Accounts Payable check/vouchers
 #86316- #86379 in the amount of \$6,337.29. Accounts Payable check/vouchers
 #86380- #86448 and wire transfers #85173 and #14799216 in the amount of

\$1,136,095.28. P-Card wire transfer #2020061701 in the amount of \$28,155.32.
VOIDS: Check # 85042-Paid with P-Card, Check #86368-Reissued.

- C. **Approval of Payroll:** June 16th-30th 2020 for checks #34267-34274 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$ 813,684.38.
- D. **AB20-76 – Resolution 2848** – A Resolution Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Boating Safety Program Agreement With Pierce County To Receive Vessel Registration Fees.
- E. **AB20-77 – Resolution 2849** – 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 #15 / Johnson Living Trust.
- F. **AB20-78 Resolution 2850** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing Approval Of A Professional Services Agreement With Parametrix For The Design Of The Elhi Hill Trail Connector.

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

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- V. **FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.
- VI. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.
- VII. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.
- VIII. **FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:** None.
- IX. **CLOSED SESSION:** None.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:19 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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