

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 23, 2016
7:00 P.M.



The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.

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MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Flag Salute: Mayor Johnson led the audience 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 were Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis was absent.

Councilmember Watson moved to excuse Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis' absence. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion to excuse Councilmember Minton-Davis' absence approved 6 – 0.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Police Chief Dana Powers, Community Development Director John Vodopich, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, and Records & Information Specialist Susan Haigh.

C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:

1. Announcements: None.

2. Appointments: None.

3. Presentations:

a. **Medal of Arts Award Presentation** – Arts Commission.

Arts Commissioners Suzy Fountaine, Carrie Maez, and JoAnn Taylor presented the 2015 Medal of Arts Award to Mark Hamilton and the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society. Ms. Maez described activities Mr. Hamilton and the Historical Society have undertaken to preserve and promote local art and culture. JoAnn Taylor thanked the City as President of the Historical Society. Mr. Hamilton spoke of past Bonney Lake residents Alfred and Elma Milotte and their contributions and appreciation of the arts. He accepted the award and thanked the Council for creating the Arts Commission.

b. **Community Summit Presentation** – John Norlin.

John Norlin from Sumner School District thanked the Council and Mayor for their support of the Community Summit and invited all to attend the 23rd

Annual Sumner/Bonney Lake Community for Families Coalition summit. He said the free event is scheduled for March 21, 2016 at Calvary Community Church, and described this year's sessions and speaker, Joe Ehrmann.

c. Moment of Silence – Louisa Smith

Mayor Johnson requested those in attendance observe a moment of silence for Louisa Smith, an important member of the community who had recently passed away.

D. Agenda Modifications: None.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Public Hearings: None.

B. Citizen Comments:

Mark Daarud, 6411 West Tapps Hwy, Bonney Lake, spoke in opposition to a ban on fireworks in Bonney Lake and proposed Ordinance D16-04. He spoke in favor of public education and encouraged the council to vote against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Johnson explained that the proposed ordinance is not a ban against fireworks; rather it revises dates and times when fireworks are allowed and changes the level of offense to an infraction. He said the topic was discussed in community forums, Council and committee meetings, and input from the City Attorney. He said the proposed ordinance should help with enforcement of illegal firework use.

Mark Hamilton, Friends of Fennel Creek, PO Box 7413, Bonney Lake, spoke on behalf of Friends of Fennel Creek. He spoke about stormwater runoff and encouraged the City to adopt low-impact development standards ahead of the December 2016 deadline required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, in particular before the WSU property and Easttown areas begin to be developed. He requested the topic be added to the Planning Commission's work plan, to encourage natural methods to manage stormwater and protect the watershed.

Dan Decker, 20401 70th St E, Bonney Lake, identified himself as a former Councilmember and said he appreciated all of Mr. Hamilton's comments.

C. Correspondence: None.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor McKibbin said the Committee met at 5:30 p.m. earlier in the evening and discussed water leak issues and the City budget.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Lewis said the Committee did not meet last week in lieu of a special City Council Meeting to tour the Sumner Wastewater Treatment Facility.

C. Economic Development Committee: Councilmember Watson said the Committee has

not met since the last Council Meeting.

- D. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Watson said the Committee met earlier in the evening at the Justice & Municipal Center. He said the new time and location worked well and their next meeting is scheduled on March 22 at 4:00 p.m. in the same location. He said the Committee discussed updates from Councilmember Evans on proposed State fireworks bills; illegal camping and Police walk-throughs in the WSU Forest; plans to install LED crossing lights on Sky Island Drive; and updates on the East Pierce Fire & Rescue proposed Levy Lift on the April 2016 ballot.

- E. Other Reports:

High School Sports: Mayor Johnson congratulated the Bonney Lake High School wrestling team, which finished third in the State.

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes**: February 2, 2016 Workshop, February 5, 2016 Special Meeting, and February 9, 2016 Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers**: Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #73064-73117 in the amount of \$127,609.88.
P-Card wire transfer # 2016021701 in the amount of \$20,928.84.
Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #73118-73193 (including wire transfer numbers 20160105, 20160106, 20160201, 20160202, 20160203 and 20160204) in the amount of \$577,441.51.
- C. **Approval of Payroll**: Payroll for February 1st -15th, 2016 for checks #32858-32873 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers is \$ 530,271.36.
- D. **AB16-20 – Resolution 2514** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing An Agreement With The American Red Cross For Use Of The Bonney Lake Senior Center As An Emergency Shelter.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda approved 6 – 0.

- V. **FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES**: None.

- VI. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES**:

- VII. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES**: None.

- VIII. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES**: None.

- IX. **FULL COUNCIL ISSUES**:

- A. **AB16-04 – Ordinance 1536 [D16-04]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Sections 5.14.090, 5.14.110, 5.14.135, And 5.14.160 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance No. 1235 Relating To Fireworks.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 1536. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson noted this item has gone through multiple discussions at the Committee and Council level. Councilmember Watson said they took a lot of input from the community and tried to address everyone's needs and concerns. The proposed ordinance limits the hours when fireworks are allowed, and changes enforcement action to an infraction which should be easier to enforce.

Ordinance 1536 approved 6 – 0.

- B. **AB16-17 – Ordinance 1537 [D16-17]** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 2.08 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And Ordinance Numbers 1399 And 1181 Regarding The Departments And Offices Of The City.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance 1537. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

City Administrator Morrison said this and proposed Ordinance D16-18 are companion ordinances which effectuate combining the Community Development and Public Works departments, and several other minor organizational changes. He said the ordinance has not had any major revisions since it was last reviewed at the Council Workshop. Mayor Johnson said the intent of the reorganization is to increase flexibility and maximize staffing in departments. He said these ordinances are the first steps and they hope to complete the reorganization by June or July 2016.

Councilmember Swatman said the Mayor has the authority to organize the workforce, and the Council's action simply approves position reclassifications. He said the biggest change being proposed is elimination of the Public Works Director position. He expressed concern about losing the Director and said he hopes the City will have the same level of subject matter expertise. He noted that seemingly minor changes may have a bigger impact in the future.

Mayor Johnson reiterated the goals of the proposed reorganization, including increased efficiency, and agreed the current Public Works Director has a lot of history and knowledge in projects including Eastown. He said the Director will be replaced by a Superintendent and the department will also gain an Assistant Superintendent position, which is critically needed. He said in the coming months the City will work out specifics for reporting relationships and the transition process before Public Works Director Grigsby retires.

Councilmember Watson expressed concern that the Council did not learn about the proposed reorganization before the staff, and felt Council should have been informed earlier in the process. Mayor Johnson said this is a very sensitive topic and they did

not want to release too much information on proposed changes until they had an idea of what made sense. He said people knew that things may be changing as the administration has talked about infrastructure changes for several years. He said he has always been focused on good communications with the Council.

Councilmember Evans said the Council has discussed the proposed reorganization in terms of efficiency and preparing for retirements and staff changes. He said the proposed reorganization is forward-looking and will serve as a test-run for future changes. Councilmember Lewis said he is always looking for ways to streamline and make best use of resources, increase cross-training, and to provide opportunities for staff to move ahead in their careers. Mayor Johnson agreed and said he hopes these changes will also give staff opportunities to advance.

Ordinance 1537 approved 6 – 0.

- C. **AB16-18 – Ordinance 1538 [D16-18]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Ordinance No. 1471 Relating To The Salary Schedule For Non-Represented Employees.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance 1538. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

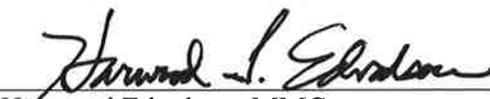
City Administrator Morrison said the proposed ordinance shifts positions and salaries in order to implement the reorganization. He said the net effect is about \$29,000 in savings to the City, half of which impacts the General Fund. Councilmember Lewis noted that the Agenda Bill for this item should be updated to reflect review by Committee and that Councilmember McKibbin is the Agenda Bill sponsor.

Ordinance 1538 approved 6 – 0.

X. **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:** None.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:45 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by common consent of the Council.


 Harwood Edvalson, MMC
 City Clerk


 Neil Johnson, Jr.
 Mayor

Items presented to Council at the February 23, 2016 Meeting:

- *John Norlin, Sumner School District - Sumner/Bonney Lake Communities for Families Coalition 23rd Annual Community Summit flyer.*

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