

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2024
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 – Deputy Mayor Terry Carter, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance: Deputy Mayor Terry Carter led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call: City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to, Deputy Mayor Terry Carter elected officials attending were, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, Councilmember Dan Roach, and Councilmember Dan Swatman.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief of Police Mark Berry, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Interim Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, Assistant to the City Administrator Leslie Harris, Deputy City Attorney-Prosecutor Dena Burke, Legal Specialist II Carol Paul, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Records and Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw and City Attorney Jennifer Robertson.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s Teams conference line were Municipal Judge Joanna Daniels, Chief Finance Officer Cherie Reierson, Recreation & Special Events Manager David Wells, Administrative Specialist II Debbie McDonald, Legal Specialist I Kristen Visnaw, and Recreation Coordinator Alexis Latham.

C. Agenda Modifications: None.

D. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:

1. **Appointments:** Discussion and Guidance For Mayor Vacancy.

Deputy Mayor Carter opened the floor for discussion. Bringing up RCW35A.12.050, Councilmember Fullerton noted that the city does not currently have an ordinance or policy in place for a Mayor vacancy. She feels Deputy Mayor Carter should take on the role of Mayor as he has already been elected by the people and is acting Mayor in the absence of a Mayor.

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Councilmember Baldwin stated she is conflicted between opening the vacancy up to the public for applicants and having Deputy Carter be appointed. With the city being in a budget year and staff without a Mayor, she agrees that appointing Deputy Carter as Mayor would be the best choice. The person appointed should be re-electable for the 2025 general elections.

Councilmember McClimans stated that Council should appoint another Councilmember and that he would prefer to have a Mayor in addition to a full Council attending the council retreat.

Councilmember Roach stated that the vacancy should be open to the public for all to apply if anyone is interested.

Councilmember Hubler stated that due to some records that she was given on Deputy Carter's past, she does not agree that he should be Mayor.

Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Electing from within council vs. opening to citizens.
- Hastily making a crucial choice and passing up opportunities.

Councilmember Fullerton made a motion to nominate for a current Councilmember as Mayor. Councilmember McClimans seconded the Motion.

**Motion to nominate from within failed 4 – 2.
Councilmembers Baldwin, Swatman, Roach and Hubler voted no.**

Councilmember Swatman made a motion to reschedule the Council Retreat to a later date. Councilmember McClimans seconded the Motion.

**Motion to reschedule the Council Retreat approved 5 – 1.
Councilmember Fullerton voted no.**

Councilmember Hubler made a motion to advertise for applicants until March 18, 2024, interview and appoint a Mayor on March 19, 2024, and then advertise for a new Councilmember if a vacancy becomes available until April 8, 2024 (Option 4). Councilmember Baldwin seconded the Motion.

**Motion to move forward with option 4 approved 5 – 1.
Councilmember Fullerton voted no.**

Deputy Mayor Carter moved to table the presentations that are on the agenda to a future meeting. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the Motion.

Motion to table presentations approved 6 – 0.

2. Presentation: Community Engagement Opportunities. (Tabled)

3. **Presentation:** Bonney Lake Junior Council. **(Tabled)**

4. **Presentation:** Community Engagement Commission. **(Tabled)**

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Public Hearing: None.

B. Citizen Comments: *For efficient use of city resources, comments will be a short summary and not verbatim. Video recordings will be uploaded to the city's YouTube channel and an audio recording to the state digital archives for review of all the comments.*

Rudolph Overman, 6020 197th Ave, Bonney Lake, WA 98391: Spoke about his experience with the trees on his property, permits and code violations.

Dan Decker, 20401 70th St E, Bonney Lake: Shared that he thought the discussion on the Mayor's vacancy was handled terribly.

Michelle DePorter, 7720 210th Ave E, Bonney Lake: Expressed her opinions on the Deputy Mayor and the vacancy for Mayor.

C. Correspondence: None.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Carter reported the Finance Committee met in person and virtually today at 5:00 p.m. The Committee went thru personnel updates; discussed and forwarded AB24-23 and AB24-24 to a future meeting, discussed the Recreation program, had open discussion on vouchers and approved their minutes.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Swatman reported the Community Development Committee met in person and virtually on March 5, 2024. The Committee discussed the comprehensive plan update, had open discussion on the offsite watering and approved their minutes.

C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Baldwin reported the Public Safety Committee met in person and virtually today at 3:30 p.m. The Committee received an update from the Police Department and East Pierce Fire and Rescue; received a report from the Emergency Manager and the Prosecutor, reviewed the Allan Yorke Park operational plan and the old city hall site, and approved their minutes.

D. Other Reports: None.

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approval of Corrected Minutes:** February 13, 2024, City Council Meeting, February 20, 2024, City Council Workshop, And February 27, 2024, City Council Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable check/vouchers #96401 to #96442, and wire transfers #24010801, #24021001, #24021002, #24021601, #24022001 in the amount of \$1,029,685.90. Accounts Payable check/vouchers #96443 to #96458 in the amount of \$1,537.53. **Voids:** None.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** February 16 – 29, 2024 for checks #34950 - 34954 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers totaling \$910,960.10. **Voids:** None.

**Councilmember Swatman moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilmember McClimans seconded the motion.**

Consent Agenda approved 6 - 0.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.


VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES: None.

IX. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Terry Carter with the common consent of the City Council.

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Sadie A. Schaneman, CMC, City Clerk

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Terry Carter, Deputy Mayor

Items presented to Council at the March 12, 2024, Meeting for the record:

- (1) *Pictures of code violation – Rudolph Overman.*

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