

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

October 18, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
DRAFT 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

Audio starts at: **I.**  
06:00:00

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Michael McCullough, called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor McCullough, elected officials attending were Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Deputy Mayor Terry Carter attended virtually.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser, Deputy City Attorney-Prosecutor Dena Burke, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works-Water Todd Tandecki, Water Production and Distribution Lead Jim Miracle, Public Works Operations Administrative Supervisor Triss Weber, Administrative Specialist III Carol Paul, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Administrative Specialist II Kandice Besaw and Administrative Specialist II Kasee Gallagher.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reierson and Human Resources Manager Brian Sandler.

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06:01:01

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

A. **Public Hearing:** 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Continuation.

Mayor McCullough opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. He invited anyone interested in addressing the council on the topic of the hearing to come forward. No one came forward to address the council.

Mayor McCullough closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

B. **Council Open Discussion:**

*Councilmember Watson:*

Communities for Families Coalition. Councilmember Watson shared that on October 6, 2022, he attended the Communities for Families Coalition Meeting. There was a presentation given by District 1 Pierce County Councilmember Dave Morell and District 2 Pierce County Councilmember Paul Herrera. Councilmember Watson shared that this group is looking for resources to help combat families and children facing homelessness in the community. He also wanted to remind the council of the Big Give on November 19, 2022.

*Councilmember Watson:*

Hauling Gourds 5k. Councilmember Watson attended the Hauling Gourds 5k on October 15, 2022. He shared that it was a great turnout, and many awards were given out to the community for participating.

*Councilmember Watson:*

Bonney Lake High School Homecoming Parade. Councilmember Watson stated that the Homecoming Parade for Bonney Lake High School is on October 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

*Councilmember Watson:*

Pumpkin Carving Contest. Councilmember Watson reminded councilmembers that he picked up the pumpkin for the City Pumpkin Carving Contest and he is hoping for council input and ideas.

*Councilmember McClimans:*

Water/Utility Billing. Councilmember McClimans shared that he is concerned with having to bill constituents for the cities' billing mistake on summer water rates. Councilmembers discussed their concerns on both this issue and summer water rates. Chief Financial Officer Reierson stated that this is affecting mostly commercial properties and that the city will work with citizens that need to make payment arrangements. Deputy City Attorney-Prosecutor Burke said that the city has a legal obligation to recoup any underpayments on utilities.

*Councilmember Swatman:*

Wastewater Treatment Plant Meeting. Councilmember Swatman shared that he attended the Wastewater Treatment Plant Meeting. He stated that there was discussion of renegotiating the interlocal agreement regarding the plant.

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06:36:30

**Review Of Council Minutes:** September 27, 2022, Council Meeting and October 4, 2022, Council Workshop.

The draft minutes were forwarded with corrections to the October 25, 2022, Meeting for approval.

Audio starts at: D.  
06:36:55

**Decision Cards.**

## 1. **Gen. Gov't Cip Fund**

Asbestos/Demo Old PWC. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the asbestos/demo of the former Public Works Center.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The breakdown of cost for this project.
- The plan for the Historical Society relocation.

### **Asbestos/Demo Old PWC Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Public Safety Bldg. Duct Cleaning Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the Public Safety Building duct cleaning. This service needs to be completed to maintain the HVAC system at the Public Services Building.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The reason this service is not scheduled annually.

### **Public Safety Bldg. Duct Cleaning Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Asbestos/Demo 89th House. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the asbestos/demolition of this building. This location has been vacated by renters several months ago and the cost associated with rehabilitating this rental house is excessive.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The issues the city has with this vacant building, attracting trespassers.

### **Asbestos/Demo 89th House Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

JMC Elevator Door Replacement. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the Justice and Municipal Center elevator door replacement. During the yearly inspection completed in May, the door was deemed obsolete, and parts would not be readily available to fix any issues.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- If there was a current warranty on the existing door.

### **JMC Elevator Door Replacement Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Senior Center Int/Ext Painting. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the interior and exterior painting of the Senior Center.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The reason for splitting the project over two years.
- Maintenance and repairs to be completed before painting.
- Scheduling the painting after demolitions are completed at this site.

**Senior Center Int/Ext Painting Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Public Safety Bldg. Roof Repair. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the roof repair. This roof has had consistent issues and is in need of repair.

Council had no discussion on this matter.

**Public Safety Bldg. Roof Repair Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Asbestos/Demo Trailer 192nd. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the asbestos and demolition of this trailer. This property has become a nuisance attracting trespassers.

Council had no discussion on this matter.

**Asbestos/Demo Trailer 192nd. Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

**2. Water Fund**

Modular-Water/Sewer/Storm. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding moving the modular. This move could be a proposed location of the Bonney Lake Historical Society.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The need for the move.
- Options for the building if left as is.

**Modular-Water/Sewer/Storm Decision Card failed. 0 – 7.  
Deputy Mayor Carter and Councilmembers Baldwin, Evans, Fullerton,  
McClimans, Swatman, and Watson voted no.**

Meter Replacement Program. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding replacing the last approximately 2500 manual meters in the city. This upgrade would allow the city to completely transition to radio read meters by the end of 2024.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The timeline of meter replacements.

- The transition to a monthly utility billing cycle.
- The productivity increase with the installation of radio meters.

**Meter Replacement Program Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Scada Fixes. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding Scada upgrades.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The affect this type of project would have on utility bills.
- The value of the Scada system.

**Scada Fixes Decision Card approved 6 – 1.  
Councilmember McClimans voted no.**

New Laptops/Software For Crew. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding issuing laptops to staff working in the field.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- Exploring the use of mobile phones in the field.
- Network.
- The aid to meter reading.

**New Laptops/Software For Crew Decision Card approved 6 – 1.  
Councilmember McClimans voted no.**

Cross Connection Database. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding upgrading the cross-connection software. The current software being used is outdated and in need of an upgrade.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- Cloud based service.
- Partnership with the City of Sumner using this technology.
- Increase in cost.

**Cross Connection Database Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Control Valve. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the repair and maintenance of the water system control valves.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The reason for the repair of current system.
- The leaks in current system affecting water rates of citizens.

**Control Valve Decision Card approved 5 – 2.  
Councilmembers McClimans and Swatman voted no.**

Confined Space Supplies. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the additional materials needed for the confined space supplies.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The importance of proper safety supplies.
- The reason this for the additional cost versus always keeping supplies on hand.

**Confined Space Supplies Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Multiple Funds-Plotter. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the replacement of a plotter that is over ten years old.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The need for an additional plotter.
- The help plotters give to other departments and public information requests.
- The frequency of use within the city.

**Multiple Funds-Plotter Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Tacoma Water Supply. Public Services Director Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the increased cost of the Tacoma water supply.

Council had no discussion on this matter.

**Tacoma Water Supply Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

**3. Sewer Fund**

Portable Generator Replacement. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the replacement of two portable generators.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The reason for the additional generators.
- The impact on rates.
- The regular replacement cycle of generators.

**Councilmember Evans moved to take a 5-minute recess at 7:34 p.m.  
Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.**

**Motion Approved 7 – 0**

**The Council Workshop reconvened at 7:39 p.m.**

**Portable Generator Replacement Decision Card approved 5 – 2.  
Councilmembers McClimans and Swatman voted no.**

Bulk Purchase Of Bioxide. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the bulk purchase of bioxide which is used for odor control at the city's sewer stations.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The reasoning for the bulk purchase versus purchasing yearly.

**Bulk Purchase Of Bioxide Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Bubbler Assessment. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the replacement assessment of the bubbler at the city's pump station. The bubbler turns on the pumps when needed.

Council had no discussion on this matter.

**Bubbler Assessment Decision Card approved 7 – 0.**

Waste Water Treatment Plant. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone was present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the upcoming projects at the Sumner Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Council discussed and shared their thoughts, including:

- The Interlocal Agreement between Bonney Lake and Sumner.
- The variable cost.
- The breakdown of cost to both Bonney Lake and Sumner.
- The increase to the monthly rate.
- Needing to renegotiate the Interlocal Agreement between Bonney Lake and Sumner.

**Waste Water Treatment Plant Decision Card rejected 0 – 7.  
Deputy Mayor Carter and Councilmembers Baldwin, Evans, Fullerton,  
McClimans, Swatman, and Watson all abstained for the reasons articulated  
above.**

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

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 8:02 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor McCullough with the common consent of the City Council.**

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Sadie A. Schaneman, CMC, City Clerk

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Michael McCullough, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the October 18, 2022, Workshop: None.

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