

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING - RETREAT**

**February 27, 2010
8:00 A.M.**

MINUTES



"Where Dreams Can Soar"

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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Location: Washington National Golf Club - 14330 SE Husky Way, Auburn, WA 98092.

I. CALL TO ORDER – The day began with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Johnson called the special meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

A. Attendance:

In attendance were Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr., Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

[Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Judge James Helbling, Court Administrator Kathy Seymour and Executive Assistant Brian Hartsell.]

II. AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Councilmember Roundtable – Why I Ran for Council, and What I'd Like to See:** Councilmembers discussed why they ran for election to the City Council and what are their current interests.
- B. Council Visioning and Goal Setting:** Councilmembers reviewed a synopsis of Council vision statements and goals/projects established at prior Council retreats. They participated in an exercise to select or reaffirm top priorities and add new goals to their list of top priorities.
- C. Survey of Budget Priorities:** Councilmembers took a survey regarding current budget priorities for the 2011-2012 biennial budget. Executive Assistant Brian Hartsell will compile the results for future Council discussion.
- D. Equipment Repair and Replacement:** City Administrator Morrison described the current effort to revise the ERR Fund to more accurately cover the cost to replace vehicles over time.
- E. Budget Approach for 2011-2012 Biennium:** City Administrator Morrison and Chief Financial Officer Juarez discussed with Council the difference in approach to a performance-based budget and a zero-based budget. There appeared to be consensus among the Council in support of the administration working to gather appropriate performance data over the next biennium to more fully incorporate a performance-based budget in the 2013-14 fiscal biennium.

The Council and staff broke for lunch and a wellness activity. At the conclusion of the lunch break, Mayor Johnson called the meeting back to order. He excused himself for the remainder of the meeting.

- F. Legislative Agenda: The City Council briefly discussed a proposed legislative agenda for Fiscal Years 2010-2011. No action was taken to formalize this preliminary agenda.
- G. Wastewater Treatment Facility Options: Public Works Director Grigsby presented to the Council the results of his study and discussions with Sumner, Orting, Buckley and King County regarding possible options to meet the wastewater treatment plans of the City of Bonney Lake and its service area for the next twenty-year period.
- H. Downtown Civic Center Discussion: The City Council discussed property owned in the downtown area by the City and long-range plans for city facilities in the downtown area.
- I. Long Range Park and Recreation Goals: Community Services Director Gary Leaf led the Council in a discussion about the Allan Yorke Park facilities and options for the future. There was a consensus that a new master plan for the Moriarty property be developed, one that maximizes the use of available space and more closely reflects Allen Yorke Park and Lake Tapps uses, not necessarily more ball fields. There was agreement that an expansion of the dike area toward West Tapps Highway was desirable. The Council also reviewed the pros and cons of parks and recreation districts, and general possibilities for locating a YMCA in Bonney Lake.
- J. Agenda Preparation for Council Committees: City Administrator Morrison and Administrative Services Director Edvalson discussed with the City Council the possible advantages of using the CivicWeb agenda services to standardize the preparation of Council Committee agendas. There was general support from the Council to designate a specific staff member as a liaison to the Committees and to prepare the Committee's agendas and minutes. Director Edvalson said some lead time would be required to work with CivicWeb to accommodate the change, but anticipated it could be done relatively quickly and with little to no expense.

The City Council and remaining staff ate dinner and engaged in informal conversation. Dinner concluded and the attendees dispersed at approximately 6:30 p.m.


Harwood Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk


Neil Johnson
Mayor



Top 10 Council Goals

(In Order of Priority – Updated 2/27/10)

1. Lobby to maintain Pierce Transit routes in Bonney Lake. If necessary, develop alternative transit plans for the City.
2. Develop a Community Culture element of the Comprehensive Plan to include historic preservation, cultural arts, public art, museum, and veteran's memorial.
3. Develop a Midtown subarea plan.
4. Reconsider council ward boundaries, including possibility of all at-large council positions.
5. Acquire Victor Falls site and develop a park that would be a destination draw.
6. Pursue a community recreation center or YMCA.
7. Develop a useable section of the Fennel Creek Trail and develop park plans to better serve parts of the City lying South of SR 410.
8. Develop an off-leash dog park.
9. Coordinate with Chamber and local businesses to improve streetscapes including trees, banners, flower baskets and other attractions.
10. Update the City's emergency management plan, including extended response capability in which the City can operate essential systems for 7-10 days.

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE
ONGOING COUNCIL GOALS / PROJECTS
 (Not in order of priority)

Study the implications of CUGA annexation through cost/benefit and fiscal study.
Review the City's long term water service area strategy, especially at it relates to Lake Tapps, CWA, and the City of Auburn.
Implement East Town Plan to include utilities, roadways, lighting, sidewalks, and streetscapes
Ensure that development codes and land use regulations facilitate the desired Downtown vision
Build new spec. retail building on 184th to serve as temporary court & council chamber
Pursue YMCA opportunity.
Develop a closer relationship with the Chamber, including involvement in Bonney Lake Days, beautification projects, and farmer's market.
Increase efforts to implement economic development plan and goals on all levels.
Develop the community center element of a Civic Center facility plan which should include location of a historical museum.
Build a small piece of the Fennel Creek Trail and increase recreational programming in the south of City.
Begin immediate land acquisition behind the Public Safety building and other sites that would support civic center.
Assure that land use policies and incentives are sufficient to attract business investment and encourage density in the downtown.
Start creating identity in Downtown, including meetings, use of banners, etc.
Create a phased Town Center and Civic Center Plan, to include retail, office, housing, civic center, and linkages to trails and other facilities.
Prioritize new street signs for the Downtown area.
Increase funding sources to implement the non-motorized transportation plan, including sidewalks, trails and bike lanes.
Square up city limits along north and south sides of 410, east of 214 th .
Explore options for safe crossings for 410 (underpasses, overpasses, and others).
Provide safer passage from park & ride to Downtown area.
Continue street resurfacing (overlays and chip seals) at 7 miles per year.
Coordinate with Chamber and local businesses to improve streetscapes including trees, banners, flower baskets and other attractions
Develop a Bonney Lake animal shelter
Resolve issues and lease with Fire District about usage of PSB
Market an optimistic vision of the City by continuing to: Host/sponsor more town hall/neighborhood meetings; Create Bonney Lake Days Standing Committee and presence at the event; Host pancake feeds and other community events
Increase Bonney Lake public access television time through the Rainier Cable Commission through summaries of City activity

Explore cost and possibilities for televised City Council meetings
Develop and Implement BL Youth and Families Program as outlined in Res. 1850
Maintain Pierce Transit routes in Bonney Lake. Explore local transit alternatives if necessary
Develop an off-leash dog park
Develop and implement trail plan for WSU Forest trails
Acquire Victor Falls site and develop park that would be a destination draw
Reconsider council ward boundaries, including possibility of all at-large council positions
Develop 800MHz partnerships to recoup system costs
Rename OSBH to something more representative of Bonney Lake and its history
Develop a Community Culture element of the Comprehensive Plan to include historic preservation, cultural arts, public art, museum, and veteran's memorial.
Pursue funding for the 192 nd Avenue corridor project
Develop a Midtown subarea plan