

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

January 3, 2012
5:30 P.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: Bonney Lake Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember Jim Rackley and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Interim Police Chief Dana Powers, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Attorney Jim Dionne, and Administrative Specialist II Shawn Campbell.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. **AB12-01** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Electing The Deputy Mayor And Assigning Councilmembers To The Council Standing Committees.

Councilmember McKibbin moved to elect Councilmember Dan Swatman as Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7-0

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to appoint Councilmember Rackley, Councilmember Minton-Davis, and Councilmember McKibbin to the Community Development Committee, and Councilmember Hamilton, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Lewis to the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion

Motion approved 7-0

Deputy Mayor Swatman said the City Attorney is working on options for creating larger standing committee meetings. City Attorney Dionne said the Council could change the way they have standing committee meetings or completely eliminate the standing committees entirely. He said if an item goes to a standing committee, then to the consent agenda at the next meeting, the full Council does not have an opportunity to discuss the issue. Deputy Mayor Swatman suggested adding this as a discussion item at the next workshop. He said he is concerned because standing committees spend extensive time on each issue and if every item is brought before the full Council, the same amount of time and research may not be given. Mayor Johnson suggested waiting until the end of the first quarter to allow the new councilmembers an opportunity to get a feel for the process. Councilmember Hamilton said

sometimes councilmembers feel they have not received adequate information. He said this would not be a problem if all items came before the full Council. Councilmember Rackley said the standing committees were set up at a time when the workshops were very long. He said the workload is lower now and the Council could do away with the standing committees. Councilmember Watson said he noticed some Councilmembers did not have full knowledge of an issue when he attended Council meetings in the past. Councilmember McKibbin said he receives an agenda item on a Friday and is expected to be ready to vote on the issue the following Tuesday. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she would like to wait until after the retreat to change the process. City Attorney Dionne reminded all Councilmembers not to respond to other Councilmembers by email so as not to create a quorum of Council members communicating about an individual item.

- B. Review of Draft Minutes: December 6, 2011 Council Workshop and December 13, 2011 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Lewis offered several typographical corrections to the minutes.

The corrected minutes were forwarded to the January 10, 2012 meeting for action.

- C. **Council Open Discussion:**

AB12-04 – Resolution 2176 – Developer Extension Agreement Between Thomas Witte and the City for Olympic View Estates Long Plat: Councilmember Rackley said there will not be a Community Development Committee meeting before the next full council meeting and he would like to introduce this item for discussion. Director Grigsby said when a property owner outside the City Limits wants to tie into the City water main they must enter into a Developer Extension Agreement. He said this ensures the work is done to the City's development standards.

Sumner/Bonney Lake Sewer Treatment Plant: Councilmember Rackley said the City is being charged approximately 1/3 of the fees collected from citizens to the City of Sumner for sewage treatment. Councilmember Watson asked if the City has plans to build a sewer treatment plant in Bonney Lake. Mayor Johnson said the City would like to do so, and a great deal of discussion needs to happen on this item.

Peaking Storage Tank: Councilmember Rackley said the City collects approximately \$2 million dollars more during the summer months in water fees. He said the City made a very good investment when purchasing the 15 million gallon tank.

Bonney Lake/Sumner Bowling Tournament: Councilmember Minton-Davis said Bonney Lake won the Bowling Tournament between the cities of Bonney Lake and Sumner staff and families by two pins. She said a trophy would be presented to the City at the next Council meeting.

Council Retreat: Deputy Mayor Swatman asked the Council to consider dates that would work for a full day retreat. He suggested a Saturday after the new Councilmembers have received their training. Councilmember Lewis recommended Saturday, February 25, 2012.

Community Spirit: Councilmember Hamilton said he was in Eugene, OR during the Rose Bowl. He said he was struck by how the entire community, including businesses, churches and citizens all supported the local college team. He said there was a real sense of community. He suggested finding more ways to involve the community in Bonney Lake

High School sports. Mayor Johnson said he has asked the school for any suggestions as to what the City can do to promote the school. He said the City does hang a banner for Panther day and the Bonney Lake Police escort the football team to Sumner for the annual homecoming game. Interim Police Chief Powers said the Police Department enjoys the escort and the parents and sibling of the players line the streets around the school. She said each year it becomes a larger event.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), the Council adjourned to an executive session with the City Attorney at 6:14 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation and for a closed session to discuss a Collective Bargaining Agreement. The session was extended 15 minutes at 6:50 p.m., at 7:05 the session was extended 10 minutes, and at 7:15 the executive session was extended 5 minutes. Mayor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 7:21 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to suspend the rules and allow an item to be added to the agenda. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7-0.

Councilmember Rackley moved to add an action item to the agenda. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7-0.

Councilmember Lewis moved to add AB12-06 – A Motion of the City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Allowing City Attorney Dionne to Appeal the City of Sumner’s Urban Growth Area Expansion. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 p.m., Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn the Council Workshop. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 7-0.



Harwood Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

- Items presented to Council at the January 3, 2012 Workshop:
- Jim Rackley – AB12-04 – Resolution 2176 – Bonney Lake Councilmember.