

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 11, 2012
7:00 P.M.

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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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- A. Flag Salute: Connor Smith from Boy Scout Troop #525 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 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, Police Chief Dana Powers, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Human Resources Manager Jenna Richardson, Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf, and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.

C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:

- 1. Announcements: None.
- 2. Appointments: None.
- 3. Presentations:

a. **Presentation:** Recognition of Adopt-A-Street Volunteers.

Mayor Johnson said the City had invited all Adopt-A-Street program volunteers to the Meeting to be recognized for their contributions to the community. He said nearly all the major roads in the City are adopted currently.

Public Works Administrative Specialist II Christy McQuillen gave a presentation about the adopt-a-street program, including photographs sent in by volunteers. She presented Jim Snyder and the 'Friends of Fontana' with certificates of recognition for participating in the Adopt-A-Street program since its inception in 2005. Mr. Snyder shared memories of his experience picking up litter on the roads of Bonney Lake. Colleen Hogan thanked the Council and spoke about Mike Fontana, who died in a car accident in 2004 and is the namesake of their adopt-a-street group. She said Mike's family is very pleased about the recognition. Mayor Johnson and the Council thanked all the volunteers who were in attendance at the meeting.

D. Agenda Modifications:

Councilmember Rackley moved to amend the agenda by moving all full Council Issues, except AB12-141 and AB12-167, to the Consent Agenda. The motion failed for lack of a second.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Public Hearings:

1. **AB12-150** – A Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance D12-148 Establishing Pre-Annexation Zoning for Falling Water Subdivision and Identifying the Falling Water Subdivision and the Tehaleh Planned Community as “Proposed UGA” on the City’s Future Land Use Map. (Continued from November 6, 2012)

Mayor Johnson re-opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. No one had signed up to speak on the issue. The hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m. with no speakers.

2. **AB12-169** – A Public Hearing On Community Development Needs For The HUD Community Development Block Grant Program Benefitting Low And Moderate Income Persons.

City Administrator Don Morrison said the City has not held this type of hearing in a long time. He said the City is part of federally-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Washington State. He said the City’s last CDBG grant was in 2004 to expand and remodel the Senior Center. The grants are intended to benefit low and moderate income persons. He said he recently attended a workshop on the program and reviewed possibilities for a project to benefit the Cedarview neighborhood, which qualifies for this funding. He said their ideas for projects in Cedarview would have a slim chance of winning so other projects were considered. The City is now focusing on funds to remodel or move the Food Bank. He said the CDBG program requires a public hearing to get input from the community on projects that would benefit the community. He said the City wants to hear about general needs that fit the program goals, and more specifically about a possible project for a new or remodeled food bank.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Stewart Bowen, 1416 193rd Ave E, Bonney Lake, said he started at the Bonney Lake Food Bank in 2007. Last year the food bank served 6,960 families and distributed about 1.2 million pounds of food. He said in the current Food Bank location, they have to move food from the truck and stack and move the food several times before it gets to visitors of the Food Bank. They have also had difficulties with parking around the Food Bank. Mr. Bowen said he wants to shift the focus from just providing food to empowering people and ending hunger in the community. He said the Food Bank is a great asset of the community, and thanked the Council for their past support. He encouraged them to volunteer and learn more about out how it works.

City Administrator Morrison said the next step is to draft a resolution for the City’s application to the program. He said grants of up to \$750,000 are available in the coming year, with applications due January 31st. He said if the Council authorizes the

application staff will work with Mr. Bowen to complete the application and bring it forward for action in January. Awards would be announced in May 2013.

Louisa Smith, 20112 Church Lake Rd E, Bonney Lake, said the Food Bank is very important to the community. She said no one can know when they may end up relying on the Food Bank. She said last year the Giving Tree program gave gifts to 700 kids, a lot of whom also need the Food Bank. She said the Food Bank used to be just a room at City Hall. She said the community will support any plan to build a new building and there is an urgent need to keep the Food Bank open.

Tim Brown, 12905 195th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, said he has lived in the community for 15 years and was the past manager at Albertson's grocery store, which recently closed. He said he is also the President of the Food Bank Board. He said the Food Bank has worked hard to provide more programs in recent years, such as the backpack program for schoolchildren. He said they have been looking for a new location for the past year to provide not only food but also outreach programs. He asked the Council to consider applying for the CDBG grant, and said the board is willing to work with City on the application.

Fred Jacobsen, 9100 189th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, said he fully supports the proposed grant application, and gave a donation for the Food Bank to Stuart Bowen.

City Clerk Harwood Edvalson said several people signed up to speak under this item, but have said they do not plan to speak.

Laurie Carter, 9418 184th Ave E, Bonney Lake, said Mr. Bowen has been very innovative with programs like the Snack Shack, which provides kids a place to work. She said the Food Bank has maximized the space available and worked out parking issues, but some parts of the current building are not usable. She said City staff hold a food drive challenge during the holidays, and this is another opportunity to help the Food Bank and the people who need it.

Sherry See, 20203 71st St E, Bonney Lake, said she believes in the Food Bank's cause. She said she runs the backpack program for kids and works with the summer feeding program. She said there is a need for a new building as the current Food Bank building is not efficient or sufficient. She said Mr. Bowen does a good job with what is available, but they could do much more with a new building.

Glenn Wedin, 17312 51st St Ct E, Bonney Lake, said he has a daughter who is disabled who volunteers at the Food Bank each week packaging commodities. He said there is not enough room at the current Food Bank and food gets distributed as quickly as they can package it. He said they need a bigger building with a better lay out to get food in and out. He said the City should be proud of Mr. Bowen and the volunteers, and there will always be need. He said as donations from grocery stores fluctuate, they need space for large donations. He said a grant would be a great help.

David Bowen, 22523 SR 410, Bonney Lake, said he is very proud of the work his brother, Stewart Bowen, does for the Food Bank. He said they have trained people and have very efficient programs. He said a lot goes on behind the scenes, including backpack and summer programs. He said volunteers do a lot of work with very little, and the Council can feel proud supporting the grant application.

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Edvalson said a letter from Debbie McDonald, written in favor of the use of CDBG funds for the Food Bank, was received by email and entered into the record.

The hearing was closed at 7:49 p.m.

B. Citizen Comments:

Rachel Barter, 17807 114th St Ct E, Bonney Lake, spoke about a letter she received from DM Disposal regarding requirements for garbage services. She spoke with Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf the previous day. Mr. Leaf told her many residents had called who were upset about the letters. She said the City is mandating citizens to use only one option for refuse service. She said DM Disposal has charged her with overage charges multiple times and she feels it is a monopoly to only offer one service option.

Mayor Johnson said the City code requires garbage/refuse service through the approved provider, which is DM Disposal. He said currently about 500 homes do not have service. He said DM's rates are based on all residents having service, and a change in this requirement could impact rates for all customers. He said it is difficult to be sure customers without service will manage their garbage properly and take it to a transfer station. He said the number of customers without service has grown over the past few years, and DM was within its rights to send out these notification letters. He said City staff will gather information for Council to discuss at a workshop in January.

Laurie Carter, Bonney Lake, 9418 184th Ave E, thanked the Council for their past discussions for the proposed Metropolitan Parks District and the biennial budget. She said the budget has been thoughtfully prepared. She said the City needs a dedicated source of funding for the adopted park plan and projects. She said a MPD is the most feasible option to develop a sports complex, playgrounds, trails, a recreation center, and other improvements. She said she hopes there is time to get the proposed MPD on the April 2013 ballot. She said parks are an important factor of a package that make people want to live here. She said citizens have the right to decide by their vote whether to spend money on parks. She said the next biennial budget maintains the status quo for parks funding. She said there is no parks department currently. She said there a lot of information is available on MPDs. She said an MPD is funded by property taxes, and is a public corporation that is publically accountable. She thanked the Council for its support of parks and working toward an MPD.

Shawnta Mulligan, 11329 177th Ave E, Bonney Lake, thanked the Council for a wonderfully formatted and clear budget. She said due to the City's foresight, Bonney Lake is not suffering the same consequences as other cities. She asked the Council to show restraint and reject the proposed MPD measure. She said creating a parks district will not guarantee funding, and questioned whether funds would be used more efficiently with another layer of administration. She said she also opposes the MPD as it only requires a simple majority, while bonds require a super majority and often do not pass. She said the MPD gets around the two-thirds requirement to impose new taxes. She said increased taxes can have a big impact on some people in the community. She said the proposed biennial budget has numerous flags and potential shortfalls. She asked the Council to wait for a better time and not burden the citizens with an additional tax.

John Millan, 19522 100th St E, Bonney Lake, said he has attended Council meetings for several weeks and knows how important parks are to the community. He spoke in

opposition to the creation of a MPD due to the economy. He said the MPD is a local tax levy which circumvents the tax system people voted for. He said home values are dropping, and other MPDs in the area are facing shortfalls currently. He asked the Council not to move forward with a MPD until the economy recovers.

Chris Tiffany, 19524 100th St E, Bonney Lake, said many people in his neighborhood are no longer there and 34% of the people in his HOA can't afford to pay their dues and many are on the verge of foreclosure. He spoke against the formation of a MPD. He said as a small business owner it is difficult to pay his employees and he knows they are struggling in the current economy.

David Hobley, 11204 193rd Av E, Bonney Lake, said he attended the budget meeting earlier in evening, where the Council discussed ways to reduce permit fees, funding the Police Department, and reprioritizing critical projects due to budget issues. He said the food bank also needs support in the down economy. He said he experienced homelessness and knows a lot of people are experiencing difficulties. He said people in the community will suffer if taxes increase. He said he loves parks but they are a luxury and now is not the time to raise taxes.

James Kelly McClimans, 19025 68th St E, Bonney Lake, thanked the City for having a reasonable 'safe and sane' fireworks ordinance. He spoke in opposition to the proposed MPD. He said he sees a lot of parks and schools with fields and facilities in the community today, and questioned why the City needs money for more parks and facilities. He said if the City creates a new entity that can tax, it won't be able to stop it later on. He asked the Council to think about the long-term and details before moving forward. He said people feel good about parks, but may not realize the costs over time.

James Bouchard, 20303 108th St Ct E, Bonney Lake, said information on the proposed MPD is available on the City website. He said the City has no Parks & Recreation department today, and parks funding in the next budget will mostly go towards the Safe Routes trail system and maintaining existing facilities. He said the City has had many discussions and surveys, and has promoted the idea of parks since 2004. He said the Council can now let the residents decide whether to form parks district. He noted that the proposed action is only to put the issue on ballot. He said people can read the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for information on MPDs. He said the Council and staff have done commendable job with the budget, and the MPD is one way to assure funding for parks, fields and trails in the future. He said he has been active with little league in the past and knows there is a need for quality, safe fields. He said the City has grown from about 9,000 people to over 17,000 people, and parks have not kept pace with this growth. He said there are 15 MPDs in Washington State, providing dedicated funding for parks. He asked the Council to bring the issue to the ballot in April 2013.

Jaime Trejo, 10219 188th Ave E, Bonney Lake, spoke as a citizen and Park Board member. He said he voted 'no' on this issue on the Park Board. He said it is the wrong time to move forward with a MPD and there is also not enough time to educate citizens for an April vote. He said he disagrees with the proposed composition of the MPD board.

Teresa McClimans, 19025 68th St E, Bonney Lake, said she and her husband have raised children and grandchildren in Bonney Lake, and she appreciates the parks in the City. She said the amount, quality, and locations of the parks currently available in the City is adequate. She said families need to take care of each other and not spend excessively. She ceded her remaining 3 minutes of citizen comment time to her husband.

James McClimans (address above) said the City has fabulous parks. He said in the past he wanted more parks, and was told by the then-Mayor and Council that the City could not afford more parks. He said today he agrees. He said voters will think positively about having more parks, and not consider that a legal entity is being created that is also a taxing authority. He said it is the Council's job to think about these issues and be responsible.

Winona Jacobsen, 9100 189th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, said the Council can make a resolution to allow citizens to make the choice. She said she is retired and doesn't need parks facilities as much but still wants these services. She said she has lived in the City for 40 years and seen the population grow, but parks have not kept pace. She asked the Council to approve the resolution and let the people decide whether to support parks in the community.

Fred Jacobsen, 9100 189th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, also asked the Council to place this issue before the citizens to make a decision.

Will Goodland, 19519 103rd St E, Bonney Lake, said he runs a daycare in his home and even a small tax increase impacts his family. He said many homes in his neighborhood are in foreclosure and he has friends who are struggling to pay bills. He said he is a goalkeeper trainer for the Rainier Football Club and though the club sometimes struggles to find field space, it works out. He asked that his remaining time be given to John Millan to speak again.

John Millan said it is fine to give people the option to vote but all the facts must be laid out, not just the good parts of having new facilities. He said the numbers provided on the City website are not accurate. He said people do not need more money taken from them.

At 8:39 p.m. Mayor Johnson recessed the Meeting for a five-minute break. The Meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

C. Correspondence:

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Edvalson said he received correspondence regarding proposed Ordinance D12-141 from Keith Schlemlein and Teresa Goetz, which were distributed via email to the Council.

Councilmember Rackley moved to suspend rules to make an agenda modification. The motion died for lack of a second.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Swatman said the committee has not met since the last Council Meeting.
- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember McKibbin said the committee met on December 4th and forwarded 3 items to the consent agenda.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Hamilton said the committee met on December 3rd and discussed traffic enforcement issues around Bonney Lake High School. The Committee also discussed the decrease in the number of tickets issued by the Police

Department. He said per the Chief, this is not due to a policy shift. He said the Committee plans to monitor this and get feedback from the Court. Police Chief Powers said ticket numbers fluctuate over time, and Bonney Lake is known as a place where you should not speed. Councilmember Hamilton said the Committee discussed the incident response to a gas leak SR410 and Main Street when a City contractor broke a line. The Committee felt that the Police and Fire responders handled the incident well. Mayor Johnson said he was notified when the incident occurred and the Justice Center was evacuated, and he thinks everyone responded well.

D. Other Reports:

Mobile Tower Property Flag: Mayor Johnson said the City received several complaints about a damaged U.S. flag on a site owned by a mobile phone company near Prime Fitness. City staff have contacted the owners, who say they are working to replace it.

Communities for Families: Councilmember Watson said he and Special Events Coordinator David Wells attended the CFF meeting on December 6, 2012. They heard a presentation on a child care program for parents in trouble. The Drug Free Community group presented information. The Youth Forums provided input from kids who say they like having more sidewalks but there are concerns about a lack of street lights, and the need for a recreation facility. He said he plans to attend a 'Go Team Jacoby' fundraiser in Tacoma the following week.

Park Board: Councilmember Watson said he attended the December 10th Park Board Meeting. The Board discussed a proposed Eagle Scout project. Laurie Carter discussed the proposed MPD and potential trails, fields, and other projects. Mayor Johnson said the City is working with the Eagle Scout on potential projects.

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** November 20, 2012 Workshop and November 27, 2012 Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #65009-65026 in the amount of \$17,357.64. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #65027-65049 in the amount of \$78,380.26.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** Payroll for November 16-30th, 2012 for checks #30801-30826 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$ 620,201.18.
- D. **AB12-170 – Resolution 2259 –** A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Awarding The 184th Water Main Project To Pape & Sons.
- E. **AB12-171 – Resolution 2260 –** A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Professional Service Agreement With Parametrix For Surveying Services During Construction For The 184th Water Main Project.
- F. **AB12-159 –** A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Accept As Complete The Prairie Ridge Booster Pump Station Project With Waunch Construction & Trucking Inc.

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

Consent Agenda approved 7 – 0.

- V. **FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.
- VI. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:** None.
- VII. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:

- A. **AB12-148 – Ordinance 1445 [D12-148]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Establishing Pre-Annexation Zoning For The Falling Water Subdivision And Identifying The Falling Water Subdivision And The Tehaleh Planned Community As “Proposed UGA” On The City’s Future Land Use Map.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve Ordinance 1445. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Ordinance 1445 approved 7 – 0.

- B. **AB12-157 – Ordinance 1447 [D12-157]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting The Biennial Budget For Calendar Years 2013 And 2014.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 1447. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said the budget is a working document and Council will continue to discuss it in 2013. He said staff have been answering Council questions in past weeks. Councilmember Watson thanked the staff and said he appreciates the time they have given to help him understand the budget as new councilmember.

Ordinance 1447 approved 7 – 0.

- C. **AB12-163 – Ordinance 1448 [D12-163]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington Amending The Biennial Budget For Calendar Years 2011 And 2012.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 1448. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Ordinance 1448 approved 7 – 0.

- D. **AB12-167 – Resolution 2256** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Identifying Principles And Actions Needed To Develop Easttown Sewers.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2256. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said the Council has been working on this ongoing project for some time.

Resolution 2256 approved 7 – 0.

- E. **AB12-141 – Ordinance 1446 [D12-141]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Sections 13.12.130 And 13.12.150 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code Relating To Connection To The Public Sewer System.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve Ordinance 1446. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said this item is tied with Resolution 2256 and 2257. Councilmember Watson said this is a good action and it shows the Council’s concern to help businesses in Eastown until sewer is available at their properties. Councilmember Rackley said the Community Development Committee needs to review and possibly change additional language from the ordinance, but he feels the proposed ordinance can be passed as-is and the other language revised later. Deputy Mayor Swatman agreed that this portion of the code needs additional work. He said some needs in Eastown will not be met by this ordinance, but it will help with some of the issues.

Ordinance 1446 approved 7 – 0.

- F. **AB12-168 – Resolution 2257** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Identifying Council Goals For Certain Public Works And Park Facilities.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve Resolution 2257. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said the Council has discussed this item at a previous workshop.

Resolution 2257 approved 7 – 0.

- G. **AB12-110 – Resolution 2258** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Stating The City Council’s Intent To Hold A Special Election For A Metropolitan Park District On The April 23, 2013 Ballot.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve motion Resolution 2258. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said several people had signed up to speak on the issue.

Jim Bouchard said the City has no dedicated way to fund parks, and the current budget doesn’t provide funds to build what the community wants. He said the City has identified this shortfall. He said he was President of the Labor of Love Triathlon event. He said the 1,200 participants who visited Bonney Lake provided over \$100,000 in revenue for the City. He said it is time to develop a Midtown Park and asked the Council to let the voters decide whether to form a MPD.

Jaime Trejo, said the vote from the Park Board to move this item forward was 4 to 1, and the Council should not place too much weight on this vote. He said as real estate agent he can see the issues of the struggling economy. Citizens at the Parks Summits expressed concern that it will be a conflict of interest to have Councilmembers serve as the MPD Board. He said it is also not the appropriate time to form a MPD and asked the Council to vote 'no'.

Shawnta Mulligan said she hoped the Council would show the leadership, courage and prudence not to put this item on the ballot. She asked them to find funds elsewhere and not create another entity.

Mark Bennett, 7015 183rd Ave E, Bonney Lake, said he has lived in the City for over 19 years. He said parks are a luxury, and the City must concentrate on what is necessary and important, such as police, fire, and streets. He said the federal government borrows a lot and he is worried about a financial collapse. He said taxpayers should not be burdened with new taxes. He said the people voted for the Councilmembers to be representatives, and asked them to vote 'no' on establishing a new taxing authority.

Dave Hopley said now is not the time for a MPD. He said it is not a good time to spend money on luxuries and the City needs to fund other things like a K-9 unit.

Bob Ecklund, President/CEO YMCA Pierce Kitsap Counties, said the voters have expressed interest in having indoor recreation. He said 1 in 2 people said they would join a YMCA if one was available in the area. He said discussions have gone on a long time and the YMCA has worked with the City on a potential Y in the WSU Forest site. He said teens want a safe place like a teen center. He asked the Council to remember that some people cannot come to Council meetings to speak. He said recreation centers help fight childhood obesity and provide resources for water safety.

Michelle LaRue, Communications & Capital Campaign Director, YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties, said the City has been working on this for a long time. She said she and Mr. Ecklund wanted to show support for this proposed resolution. She said parks services are necessary for the community, and the YMCA wants to be a partner in the community.

Councilmember Hamilton said this is an extremely difficult issue for him. He said he has more trust in the voters and democracy than some of the speakers seem to have. He said the City has planned and talked about parks for a long time but there is no mechanism to fund them. He said a MPD is not a panacea, but he feels if it exists within the city limits it is the best plan available. He said the voters can decide whether they want to spend more on parks and the Council will show its leadership by putting the issue on the ballot.

Councilmember Rackley said he supports the proposed resolution. He said even if it is approved in the election, no new taxes would be assigned until 2014. He said he hopes the economic turmoil will be over by then.

Councilmember Lewis said there are good arguments on both sides. He said the voters have the right to decide on the issue and he supports the proposed resolution. He said he hopes all those who have spoken will campaign and help inform the voters for the April ballot. He said he works in the school district and knows kids want indoor areas for activities and recreation. He said the MPD provides a structure and way to move forward with a plan for parks.

Councilmember Watson said he will vote in favor of the proposed resolution. He said many people have told him there are not enough facilities and trails in the area and other nearby communities have better trails, youth centers, and sports centers. He said growing the parks will increase retail sales by bringing more people into the community. He said if the voters do not approve the MPD the City will do something else, but if they vote 'yes' it will move forward.

Councilmember Minton-Davis said she has been waffling on this issue for some time. She thanked all those who spoke on both sides. She said everyone agrees parks are a good thing, but the issue in question is whether to put the MPD on the ballot. She said she cannot vote 'yes' in good conscience, and added that her family has been affected by the economy.

Councilmember McKibbin said he plans to vote 'no' on the proposed resolution.

Deputy Mayor Swatman thanked all those who came to the Meeting to listen and speak. He said he feels the voters are intelligent and can decide on the issue. He said he appreciates those who spoke against the proposed resolution, and said they made good points. He said the City has undeveloped properties adjacent to Allan Yorke Park and the WSU Forest area. He said there is a lot of potential but no funds available to develop these sites. He said the Fennel Creek Trail offers great potential for a dedicated trail that would connect with Pierce County trails. He said this Council action gives voters the opportunity to decide what to do. He said this will help the Council prioritize where to put resources.

Mayor Johnson said the comments from both sides are great, and it is important for people to speak on these issues. He said as Mayor he feels it is important to let the people decide what to do with parks and how to fund them. He said nothing will happen immediately, but the City needs something for the future. He said if the citizens vote 'no' the City will respect that and figure out another option. If they vote 'yes' the City will move forward with the MPD option. He said the Council and staff are very good about respecting the will of people. He said the Council has considered the issue carefully.

**Resolution 2258 approved 5 – 2.
Councilmembers McKibbin
and Minton-Davis voted no.**

- H. **AB12-173** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Cancel The December 18, 2012 Council Workshop, December 25, 2012 Council Meeting, And January 1, 2012 Council Workshop, And All Remaining Council Standing Committee Meetings Through January 1, 2013.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve motion AB12-173. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Motion AB12-173 approved 7 – 0.

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), the Council adjourned to a Closed Session with the Human Resources Manager at 9:28 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss labor negotiations. The Council

returned to Chambers at 9:46 p.m. No action was taken.

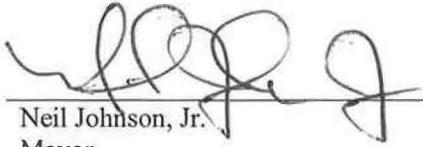
X. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:47 p.m., Councilmember Minton-Davis moved to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 7 – 0.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the December 11, 2012 Meeting:

- Theresa Goetz – *Letter re: Proposed Amendment to Bonney Lake Municipal Code [AB12-141]* – Schlemlein Goetz Fick & Scruggs, PLLC.
- Keith Schlemlein – *Email re: Proposed Eastown Ordinance No. D12-141* – REO Asset Management NW, Inc.
- Debbie McDonald – *Letter re: Block Grant* – Bread of Life Food Bank Board Member.