

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

**February 5, 2016
4:00 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 & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East - Suite 200 Conference Room, Bonney Lake, Washington,.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- A. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin elected officials attending were, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Mayor Johnson was not in attendance.
- B. Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, City Engineer John Woodcock and Senior Planner Jason Sullivan.

II. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:

- A. **Flooding Issues in Bonney Lake.** Senior Planner Jason Sullivan briefed the City Council on the current flooding occurring in a natural basin along and in the vicinity of 62nd Street East, 187th Avenue East and 188th Avenue East behind the Lakeridge Middle School. He described current water depths and the impacts to residents in the area, noting that several places along these roadways are now impassable to vehicular traffic. He said only one of the flooded locations is a public roadway. Mr. Sullivan said the staff was alerted to minor flooding in the area around Christmas and since that time have been monitoring the situation expecting that the water would infiltrate back into the ground as it has for the past twenty years, however, the water has continued to rise. He added there is no natural outlet for this basin. The lack of chlorine in tested water samples has largely ruled out the City's water supply as a possible source of the water. He said the water appears to be naturally occurring, producing an event similar to one experienced approximately twenty years ago when flooding also occurred within the basin. He said there appears to be no reasonable solution at this time. Mr. Sullivan said City staff would continue to monitor the situation, work with the residents and work on short-term and long-term solutions. He said there are sandbags available at the Public Works Center for those couple of homes immediately impacted by the water.

City Engineer John Woodcock also addressed the Council reviewing a packet of maps and historical information associated with the 336 acre basin in the area described above. He pointed out average rainfalls in the past twenty years and described areas which have changed over the same time frame. He said he and the staff are at a loss as to what is so different that this year there is flooding while during the past two decades there has not been. Mr. Woodcock said staff had done some exploration of the basin and noted the presence of seasonal springs that are flowing in the basin. He said in speaking with the residents upon whose property the springs occur, the residents say the seasonal flow does not appear to be any different than in the previous seven years they have lived on the

property. Mr. Woodcock observed that other than the rain fall, there is nothing apparent to have changed the characteristics of the basin that it would not drain this year. Mr. Woodcock mentioned that there may be some funds available in the Pierce County Flood District that could be put toward a long-term solution. At this point, there were no other questions from the City Council.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:08 p.m., Councilmember Watson moved to adjourn the Special Council Meeting. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 7 - 0.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk



Randy McKibbin,
Deputy Mayor

Items presented to Council at the February 5, 2016 Special Meeting:

- John Woodcock, Engineer, City of Bonney Lake Public Works – *Packet of Maps and Information.*

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