

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

July 2, 2002
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.

Call to Order

Mayor Young called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance with Mayor Young were: Deputy Mayor Swatman, Councilmember Bricker, Councilmember DeLeo, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember King, Councilmember Rackley. Councilmember Palecek was absent. Staff members attending were Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Interim Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Assistant Public Works Director Gary Leaf (arrived after roll call), Senior Center Director JoAnne Knecht, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, Deputy City Attorney David Britton, and City Clerk Gayle Butcher.

1. Open Discussion

Open discussion items consisted of commending Public Works Director Boettcher for superior maintenance of the water system, an extension for members of the City Council in preparing their budget goals, having the Codes Enforcement Officer investigate numerous cars parking across 184th from the Chevron 410 station, notification to the business community and enforcement of the City's Sign Code, and FEMA mapping and wetland issues related to a building lot at 188th. At the end of the open discussion period, Mayor Young also briefed the Council on a preliminary fluoride survey report and the new population count for Bonney Lake is 12,360.

Motion by Councilmember Bricker to table new business items. Councilmember Rackley requested that New Business Item, Resolution No. 1007, a Notice of Intent, to be moved forward to next week's Council meeting and Councilmember Bricker concurred. Second by Councilmember Rackley.

Motion Carried Unanimously 6-0.

Mayor Young noted he would like to have some time to review the personnel and organization proposals. Deputy Mayor Swatman stated Council had just now received a lot of data, that a lot of changes were proposed, and he believed Council needed some time to review the information. Councilmember Rackley requested an organization chart comparing the current organization with the proposed organization. Council consensus was to discuss the proposal at the next workshop. Mayor Young stated that the Finance Committee had reviewed the proposal to eliminate the Deputy

Finance Director position and replace it with a Senior Accountant. He asked Council to consider moving the Senior Accountant proposal forward.

Motion by Councilmember Rackley, second by Councilmember Bricker, to bring forward an ordinance removing the Deputy Finance Director position and creating a Senior Accountant position with placement on the non-union salary grid.

Motion Carried Unanimously 6-0.

2. Draft Minutes: April 30, 2002, June 3, 2002, June 4, 2002, June 11, 2002

Corrections made to the June 4, 2002 minutes are as follows:

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about an update on sweeping the streets. Councilmember DeLeo noted Pierce County has sweeping equipment and suggested that the City pursue a contract for this type of service.

Deputy Mayor Swatman noted he and Councilmember Palecek had attended a very informative meeting on fluoride last week.

3. Presentation: Request for Proposals (RFP) review & recommendation on providing Computer and Local Area Network Administration Management

Interim Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy noted the RFP was a 3-step process, i.e., 1) to prepare an RFP for computer services and maintenance, 2) to see if a sharing of resources with another city or cities could be done, and 3) to bring back to Council a recommendation on IT (information technology) services. He noted the City needs someone who is available almost on demand, computer savvy, and is able to explain complex processes and components in lay terms to employees. Director Leedy noted that currently Arrow Computers (Chuck) meets the criteria.

Councilmember Rackley asked whether there was enough technical service needs to warrant an employee. Finance Director responded with an emphatic yes, at 30 hours per week. He noted the Municipal Judge and Deputy Finance Director positions fall within this part-time category. Councilmember Rackley pointed out that the proposed job description indicates it is a full-time position. Deputy Mayor Swatman said the proposed salary seemed high. Finance Director John Weidenfeller relayed Chuck's qualifications and current contract hourly rate. Deputy Mayor Swatman noted there would still be a need to contract with specialty technicians (such as high-speed people for routers) as well as training costs to keep current in the changing computer environment. Councilmember King asked whether there was space available for another employee and Finance Director John Weidenfeller responded that had already

been taken care of. He also noted the type of maintenance work Chuck performed in virus control. Chief Jeter discussed the type of work Chuck has done for the Police Department, which is now critical since so many units now carry laptops.

Deputy Mayor Swatman stated he believed the IT position should report directly to Mayor Young and Councilmember King concurred. Councilmember King stated that this position appears to be the most highly paid position in the city. As such, it is a significant budget consideration and needs more study in light of potential fluoride costs and initiatives that may reduce the City's revenues.

Council consensus was to continue discussion at the next workshop.

Old Business

1. Ord 932 Wellhead Protection public hearing testimony discussion and review

Gene Peterson of RH2 led a discussion related to the public hearing testimony on the proposed Ordinance that implements the work to protect drinking water sources. The purpose is to strengthen wellhead protection regulations; add relevant definitions; delegate administration of the program, establish Wellhead Protection Areas and Zones, exempt certain activities from regulation, prohibit activities that would threaten Bonney Lake's water supply, require non-exempt activity to be reviewed for compliance, promote infiltration of storm water where appropriate, require hydrogeologic assessments as part of the review process, impose conditions on existing underground storage tanks, require existing underground storage facilities located inside Wellhead Protection Zone 1 to retrofit with secondary containment within 18 months, impose extremely stringent requirements on new underground storage facilities within the Wellhead Protection areas and require reporting of spill or leaks. He highlighted the language used to address parcels that have a portion impacting the protective zone. Highly technical discussions relating to hydrogeologic assessments were held including payment responsibility and City approval of the firm conducting the assessment. Language amendments to pages 15 and 17 were reviewed. Staff and the consultant are to confer and bring the amended ordinance back to Council.

At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Young called for a recess. Meeting was reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

2. Tabled Resolution No. 1001 related to Developer Agreement with Pacific Resources Development for Mountain Creek and Tabled Resolution No. 1002 related to Developer Agreement with Arkansas L.L.C. for White River Estates, Bonney Lake Golf and Country Club, and White River Ridge

Councilmember Bricker suggested that the water to serve these developments should remain under the City of Tacoma. Councilmember King concurred with Councilmember Bricker that this might solve some the water service concerns and allow the developer to move forward.

Mayor Young noted that Council would need to do a motion relinquishing the water service area in question and authorize a letter to the City of Tacoma signed by the Mayor with a copy to the Pierce County Utilities Coordination Committee.

Staff is to modify the resolutions without water service and prepare the letter for Mayor.

Councilmember King requested of staff that a written response from the City of Tacoma accepting the water responsibility be gained.

3. Discuss Planning Agency Recommendation on Ordinance No. 952, R-1(A) Very Low-Density Residential (20,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size)

Bob Leedy led a review of this Comprehensive Plan amendment, which implements the low-density for Lake Debra Jane. The state's Office of Community Development's letter is critical of the City for taking action that does not increase density to satisfy the Growth Management Act (GMA); he noted the fact that the GMA does not take into account the possibility that the City of Bonney Lake is not like other cities. He suggests the Council consider goals and objectives the City has, versus those mandated by the state. It was noted that this ordinance protects an existing neighborhood and that there are opportunities in other areas of the city for high-density.

Councilmember Bricker requested clarification on what is the density required by GMA – 3 to 4 units per acre or 4 to 6 units per acre. Bob Leedy will provide.

Mayor Young pointed out that the Planning Agency had voted 5-1 for the ordinance and that the Chair had presented a report based on the minority opinion.

Council consensus was to move the ordinance forward.

4. Noise Ordinance, Effectiveness Review (requested by Deputy Mayor Swatman)

Chief Jeter presented some language concerns that police officers have experienced when investigating noise complaints. After a brief discussion, Chief Jeter will make recommended amendments for Council's review.

5. Traffic Impact Fee public hearing discussion

A brief discussion was held on coordination of traffic impact fees with the capital facilities plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, SEPA contributions and credits for contributions must be reviewed. Staff is working on the aspects of these coordinates.

There being no further business to discuss, workshop was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Bob Young, Mayor

Gayle Butcher, City Clerk