

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

*April 8, 2003  
7:00 P.M.*

**MINUTES**

*City of*



*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.*

*"Where Dreams Can Soar"*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Flag Salute

B. Roll Call [A1.3]

Mayor Bob Young - Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman; Councilmembers Stephen Bricker, Phil DeLeo, Neil Johnson and Jim Rackley. Absent: Councilmember Dave King announced his planned absence at the last Council workshop.

Staff Present: Administrative Services Coordinator Tom Reber, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Judge Jim Helbling, City Engineer John Woodcock, Police Lieutenant Mike Strozyk, City Attorney Jim Dionne, and Pro Tem City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations

1. Announcements [A3.6.9] – None.

2. Appointments [A3.8.3] – None.

3. Presentations [O3.6.1.2, O3.6.5.4] :

a. Becky Giles, Sumner Community Recreation and Education Coordinator

Ms. Giles distributed a year-end report for activities in 2001-2002 and a program brochure for Spring 2003. She explained that without a geographic information system, she was unable to positively identify the community affiliation of all participants in the recreation programs. Based on a selected methodology, she estimated that 56% of youth participating were affiliated with schools located in Bonney Lake. In response to questions about funding, she reported that the Cities of Bonney Lake and Sumner and the Sumner School District provided \$25,000 each of funding for the program. She added that the school district also provided office space. In addition to the \$75,000 contribution from these three partners, the program raised \$586,000 through fees for a total program revenue and expense of \$661,000.

Mayor Young invited Ms. Giles to be aware of the new skate park. She expressed a desire to be made aware of Park Board meetings to increase

awareness of facilities and opportunities to enhance programs with facilities in Bonney Lake. Mayor Young thanked Ms. Giles for her participation and presented her the City's participation check for \$25,000.

D. Agenda Modifications [A3.6.6] – None.

## II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

[A3.6.11, A3.6.12, A3.6.4, 3.6.5]

### A. Public Hearings

1. AB03-54 – Project To Install Traffic Calming Devices On Church Lake Rd. E., Locust Ave. And Myers Rd. [A3.6.12]

Mayor Young opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. He invited City Engineer Woodcock to present the proposed projects for traffic calming devices. Mr. Woodcock said that the measures were intended to help bring drivers into conformance with the posted speed limits. He added that although he felt residents and neighborhoods should participate in the expense of these efforts, the City had selected these projects as a test project to gauge the effect of these calming measures. Councilmember Bricker added comments and assisted with display of maps. He said that the measures were intended to be an inexpensive approach to resolving some of the traffic complaints received by the City. The following proposed calming measures were described:

CHURCH LAKE ROAD E. – Raised crosswalk with thermo-plastic striping and speed limit signs on the roadway, and warning signs placed in advance of the crosswalk.

MYERS ROAD – Increased speed limits from 25 mph to 30 mph heading northbound on Myers Rd. as you pass 81<sup>st</sup> St. At 81<sup>st</sup> St. there was a concern about people turning left onto Myers Rd.

LOCUST AVE. E. – Place 25 mph speed limit signs northbound in road approaching 84<sup>th</sup>. At 82<sup>nd</sup> St. construct raised crosswalk. Place school zone signs on road at 80<sup>th</sup> St. Place raised crosswalk on Locust at 74<sup>th</sup> on top of 2<sup>nd</sup> dip. Place 25 mph sign in road for southbound drivers just south of Bonney Lake Blvd.

Dan Decker, 20401 70<sup>th</sup> St. E., said that he was in agreement with most of the proposed traffic calming devices. He said he would like to see a 3-way stop at 80<sup>th</sup> and Locust for increase public safety. He felt a speed bump rather than raised crosswalk would be more appropriate at Evergreen. He also felt a 3-way stop was needed at Church Lake and W. Lake Tapps.

John McDonald, Asst. Fire chief and Fire Marshal – East Pierce County Fire and Rescue, agreed that safety for the residents was the primary concern. He also expressed concern for the proper engineering of the raised crosswalks and the potential impact on response times of the fire equipment. He said that most of these calming devices were located on arterial streets that are major response routes for the fire department. He said that signage on the road and the warning turtles were not really a problem for the department. Chief McDonald did question whether the devices might cause more traffic to use residential streets to avoid the calming devices.

Louisa Smith, 20112 Church Lake Road, said that with no existing crosswalks on Church Lake Road, the City should first consider where they want people to cross the road. She agreed that a 3-way stop on W. Tapps and Church Lake Rd. would be great. She said it was a dangerous intersection.

With no additional comments from the audience, Mayor Young closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

2. AB03-97 (Off-road Vehicle Use) – Ordinance 987 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 10.20 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And Ordinance No. 351, Relating To Off-Road Vehicles. [A3.6.12]

Mayor Young opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. Councilmember Rackley gave a brief introduction saying that the noise generated from the use of off-road vehicles was the #1 complaint from the ward he represents. He said the City is no longer just a summer-time community, but a year around growing City.

Hugh Smith, 4704 N. Island Drive, said that he doesn't own an off-road vehicle, but that he had no problem with their use on the lake bed near his home. He said he opposes the proposed ordinance.

Kirk Corbeley, 4611 N. Island Drive, said he is an off-road rider in Lake Tapps at low water. He said he could see perhaps placing some time restrictions on riding, but felt that people had rights to enjoyment as well. He said he opposed the ordinance.

Chris Delaire – 7006 Vandermark Road, said that he moved to the country to let his kids ride on their own property. He said that jet boats on the lake made more noise than his motorbikes. He said he strongly opposed the proposed ordinance.

Hugh Smith – 4704 N. Island Drive, asked if he could address Councilmember Rackley directly. He asked if the problem area was centered around Sky Island. Councilmember Rackley responded that he represented Ward 2, an area far removed from Lake Tapps. He said the most common complaint received was

motorcycle riders. He identified the school and a track along Angeline Road as the main problem areas. Mr. Smith said the problems seemed to be more localized. He opposes a citywide ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that the ordinance was intended to include an exclusion for the bed of Lake Tapps. Councilmember DeLeo suggested the ordinance should exclude “quiet” motorbikes. He feels the ordinance is bad legislation, that the problem is noise. Mayor Young said the City’s process was to take the proposed ordinance back to a Council workshop for more discussion and then to a Council meeting for consideration.

Dan Decker, 20401 70<sup>th</sup> St. E., asked if the City had a noise ordinance in effect that included time limits and decibel measurements. He asked why the City should fix something that’s not broken. He suggested the Council use the petition method to determine the level of support in the community for this legislation.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Young closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

B. Citizen Comments [A3.6.4]

Fred Demmel, 4933 North Vista Drive, said that he was concerned about the house next door to his property at 4931. He said it was a three-story storage unit, and that the owner had two rental units attached that were run by power strips. He said he fears it is a major fire hazard. He asked to whom he could speak about the problem.

Martin Stiltnow (sp?), 4933 North Vista Drive, said that he had been a tenant of the property owner at 4931 and left the rental out of fear of fire. He said the woman had lawn mowers and other debris stored in her home, extension cords running all through the house and power strips used as master switches for the power in the house and to the rental units.

Louisa Smith, 20112 Church Lake Road, asked that the City remove the sign that says more money is needed for the Skate Park. She also reported concerns received that the “Big Toy” at Allan Yorke Park was not scaled properly for older children to enjoy. She complained about the terminus of Church Lake Road at Old Sumner/Buckley Highway. She felt the approach awkward and potentially dangerous in cold weather.

Claude Wirkus, 19432 77<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. E., expressed concern for that portion of Allan Yorke Park that is currently zoned R-2. He encouraged the City to act now to change the designation to “Public Facilities” to better insure the property is preserved for natural habitat.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the Comprehensive Plan Update process. Planning

& Community Development Director Leedy said he was unaware of the past occurrence that allowed the property to be zoned for residential use. He added that City staff had intended to propose a technical amendment to the plan to re-designate the property. He concluded by saying that there would yet be several opportunities for public input to the process.

Dan Decker, 20401 70<sup>th</sup> St. E., suggested that the Council take time to change the park designation before the proposed process date in 2004. He also suggested that the Council look at adjacent property to add to the park, protecting the area from intense development as multi-family dwellings.

C. Correspondence – None.

At Councilmember Rackley's request, Mayor Young called for a 5-minute recess at 8:20 p.m. Mayor Young called the meeting back to order at 8:32 p.m.

**III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(A3.6.4)

A. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Swatman reported on the Finance Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. He said that Resolution 1084 and an annual agreement with Centennial Storage would be going to the next Council meeting. He also gave a brief update on the discussions about the DM Disposal agreement. He said that direction was soon anticipated from the Committee.

B. Community Development Committee

Councilmember Rackley reported that no meeting was held, that a special meeting was scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of April at 4:30 p.m.

C. Public Safety Committee

Councilmember Bricker said that Kathy Seymour, Court Administrator, had volunteered to produce minutes of the Committee meetings. He said the topics of discussion were the Inlet Island Fire issue and a recap of the Police Department's "March Madness."

Deputy Mayor Swatman reminded the Committee that a similar fire issue had occurred in the Cedarview area. He asked that the burned out trailer in the bushes be addressed.

D. Other Reports

Mayor Young reported that he had met with the City's state senator. He added that she would be available to help, along with state representatives, to meet with landowners along SR410 some time after the legislative session ends.

**IV. MINUTES (A3.6.2):**

- A. Approval of Reviewed Council Meeting and Workshop Minutes – March 18, 2003 Workshop and March 25, 2003 Council Meeting.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to consider both sets of minutes together for approval. Councilmember DeLeo provided the second.**

**Motion approved 5 – 0.**

**V. VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL:**  
(F4.9)

A. Vouchers

- 1. Claims:  
Accounts payable checks #033841 - 034009 including manual check #033842 and voided checks #033841, and 033999 - 034009 in the amount of \$ 485, 460.30.
- 2. Payroll:  
Payroll for March 16-31, 2003 for checks 20790 - 20854 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of: \$286,057.15.

**Councilmember Rackley moved the approval of claims and payroll. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 5 – 0.**

**VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES**

- A. AB03-113 (Deferred Comp. Plan for Police Exempt Employees) – **Ordinance 986** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 2.34 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code By Repealing Ordinance No. 951, Relating To Deferred Compensation. [A4.1.4]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 986. Councilmember Johnson made the second to the motion.**

Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that the purpose of this ordinance was to remove a redundant reference that occurs at two places in the code. This action removes one of the references.

**Motion approved 5 – 0.**

- B. AB03-107 – **Resolution 1093** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing An Agreement With The Pierce County Sheriff's Department To Provide Forensics Services On A Per Capita Basis For A Period Of Two Years. [01.10]

**Councilmember Bricker moved approval of Resolution 1093. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

Mayor Young stated that this agreement was a highly economical method to provide these services and a benefit to the City.

**Motion approved 5 – 0.**

- C. AB03-111 (Use of the Public Safety Building Maintenance and CIP (Fund 306.022) To Pay For Repairs And Maintenance Items) – **Resolution 1067** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing Expenditures In Accordance With Resolution 846. [04.4.3]

**Councilmember Bricker made a motion to approve Resolution 1067. Deputy Mayor Swatman made the second.**

**Motion approved 5 – 0.**

- D. AB03-110 (City Bond Attorney Services) – **Resolution 1095** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing A Contract With Gottlieb, Fisher, & Andrews, PLLC For The Services Of Judith L. Andrews.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 1095. Deputy Mayor Swatman offered a second.**

**Motion approved 5 – 0.**

**VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES – None.**

**VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES – None.**

**IX. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES – None.**

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.**

Mayor Young concluded the Council meeting with a report about the WSU forest. He said WSU has apparently offered the property back to Weyerhaeuser as per their agreement when the property was acquired. He said this is one of the properties of which WSU is divesting themselves. Councilmember Rackley suggested contacting Weyerhaeuser about the possibility of acquiring a portion for a park. Councilmember Swatman noted that individuals participating at Park Board and Planning Agency meetings may have presented other information about WSU properties. He encouraged those individuals to address their issues to the City Council.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 8:43 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 5 – 0.**

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Robert Young, Mayor

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Harwood T. Edvalson, Pro Tem City Clerk