

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 9, 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.*

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Flag Salute - Mayor Young led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call [A1.3]

City Clerk Edvalson called the roll. Elected officials attending were Mayor Bob Young, Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember James Rackley.

Staff present were Administrative Services Coordinator Tom Reber, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher, Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Police Chief Bryan Jeter, Judge Jim Helbling, Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson, Senior Center Director JoAnne Barkley and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations [A3.6.9]

1. Appointments:

a. Oath of Office - Police and Community Service Officers. Judge James Helbling administered an oath of office to police officers Robert "Scott" Kreider, Daron Wolschleger and James Larsen and to Community Service Officer (CSO) Stephen Flaherty. After the administration of the oath of office, Mayor Young noted for the audience that CSO Flaherty is a former Councilmember and former Mayor of Bonney Lake.

2. Announcements:

Mayor Young explained that City Hall was having a new phone connection installed on Wednesday, December 17. He explained that the phones would be down from 12:00 Noon to approximately 1:00 p.m. He said that the new connection would increase from 7 to 23 the number of available lines at City Hall. He added that this and other recent changes instituted by Information Technology Coordinator McEwen will save the City nearly \$1000 per month in phone expenses.

3. Presentations:

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. AB03-169 – Ordinance 995 – Proposed Update of City’s Miscellaneous Fees.  
[F4.3]

Mayor Young opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Roy Caviezel, 9010 181<sup>st</sup> Ave. E., noted that he wanted to speak about the cell tower issue and asked if the item might be moved up on the agenda.

Mayor Young responded that the current public hearing was regarding the City’s Miscellaneous Fees. He invited Mr. Caviezel and those others who desired to address the cell tower issue to address the Council during the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Bob Pranger and Garlan Cox who had indicated a desire to participate in the public hearing said that their interest was also in the cell tower issue and declined the opportunity to address the topic at hand.

With no further requests from the audience to address the Council, Mayor Young closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

B. Citizen Comments [A3.6.4]

David Hall, 1920 E. Calhoun, Seattle, representing Cingular Wireless, said he wanted to make a couple of comments about the case the Council would consider later on the agenda. He said it was highly unusual to have a Councilmember appeal a hearing examiner decision to his own city council when no neighbors chose to appeal the decision. He said there was a clear question of standing for the Councilmember and asked him to withdraw his appeal.

Councilmember Rackley asked Deputy City Attorney Ganson to address the issues raised by Mr. Hall. Deputy City Attorney Ganson said the Council may wish to wait until it deals with the specific agenda item rather than address these issues now. He reminded the Council that for Appearance of Fairness purposes Deputy Mayor Swatman can’t be in the Council Chambers when they give consideration to this matter. Mr. Hall said that he felt the public would see the possibility of bias on the part of the Council where a fellow Councilmember is authoring an appeal to be considered by them. He said this issue was raised in an earlier memo to Council.

Roy Caviezel, 9010 181<sup>st</sup> Ave. E., said he was a co-chairman of the original petition opposing the cell tower. He noted that there are 23 homes on his street

and they had a total of 41 signatures from all 23 homes. He said that their street is the only fully residential street in the City's 4½ mile business corridor. He said it doesn't seem to meet the City's mission statement. He added that no matter how it is disguised, it will still be 150 feet of ugliness. He, again, hoped the Council would move the item up on the agenda and appreciated their consideration.

Councilmember Rackley asked why Mr. Caviezel did not file a petition. Mr. Caviezel said he would have been glad to file, but one had already been filed with the City. Councilmember King said he thought the Council would be able to quickly move through its agenda and advocated leaving the agenda as it currently stands.

Grant Sulham, 10005 183<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E., addressed the construction of Sky Island Drive from about 97<sup>th</sup> down into 104<sup>th</sup> in Panorama Heights. He noted that construction was scheduled for the spring with completion in August. He said there have been three meetings between concerned citizens and the City. He added that it was suggested that the Traffic Calming Ordinance might apply, but not until after the street is already open. He identified potential hazards with school bus stops, speed and fog. He objected to the street lighting costs being born only by local residents.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if Mr. Sulham had discussed his concerns with Director Boettcher or City Engineer Woodcock. Mr. Sulham said that he had, but had not yet received a response.

Louisa Smith, 20112 Church Lake Rd. E., said she hopes that when the City owns the property across from 184<sup>th</sup>, that it will take steps to beautify the property. She said she read in the newspaper that Police Lieutenant Strozyk was suspended. She praised Lieutenant Strozyk's character and said she hoped the City would expedite its investigation.

Mayor Young assured Ms. Smith that the steps were being done to address both her concerns. Deputy Mayor Swatman mentioned that the Lieutenant is only on administrative leave, not suspension. He added that the City plans to look at a street alignment for the property across from 184<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember King said he wished to remind Council and citizens that we should want any investigation done properly with due process for the person being investigated.

Councilmember DeLeo said he has been troubled by the number of seedlings growing up between the Rhododendron plants around City Hall. He suggested perhaps those seedlings could be moved to the new property.

Dan Decker, 20401 70<sup>th</sup> St. E., complained that at the meeting of November 25, 2003, he had signed up to speak regarding Resolution 1204. He said that he had not waived his right to speak, but was denied the opportunity to address the Council before they voted on the issue. He said that he felt the Mayor's later

apology insincere and that his actions constituted official misconduct. Mr. Decker cited RCW 9A80.01. Mr. Decker also objected to the Administrative Services Coordinator announcing that one minute remained on his time to address the Council. He said the Mayor was in violation of the law by allowing Mr. Reber to keep track of the speaker's time. He suggested the problem be resolved or the ordinance changed regarding the official timekeeper.

Mayor Young responded by again acknowledging his oversight in not allowing Mr. Decker to speak at the November 25 meeting. He said he had expressed his sincere regret and that it was not done intentionally or willfully. He apologized again and said that he and others would watch to try and make sure it did not happen again.

C. Correspondence – None.

### III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A3.6.4)

A. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Swatman said that the committee met earlier in the evening at 5:30 p.m. He said the Committee discussed Resolution 1203 regarding a donated park bench, city vehicle policies, the City's bonding capacity and an RFP issue which may be discussed later in the Council meeting. He noted that the Mayor and staff would be bringing forth in the New Year some appropriate city vehicle use policies.

B. Community Development Committee

Councilmember Rackley said the Committee met on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He added that items previously discussed at a CDC meeting and on the agenda this evening are the final plats 3 & 4 for Panorama Heights and two items for the Ball Park well, i.e., pump testing and flow improvements.

C. Public Safety Committee

Councilmember DeLeo said that the Public Safety Committee met on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He said the Committee had three items on the agenda this evening that are recommended for approval.

D. Other Reports – None.

### IV. MINUTES (A3.6.2) -

A. Approval of Corrected Minutes: November 18 Council Workshop.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve the minutes of the November 18 workshop. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0 – 1.  
Councilmember Hamilton abstained.**

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

A. Vouchers: City Clerk Edvalson read an amended version of the summary of Claims and Payroll as follows:

1. Claims:  
Claims: Accounts payable checks/voucher #36036 thru 36109, including cashier's check to Realty Marketing, in the amount of \$262,011.00.
2. Payroll: Payroll for November 16-30th for checks 21814-21865 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$265,425.60.

**Councilmember DeLeo moved the approval of the claims and payroll as presented. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

**VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:**

A. **AB03-302 – Resolution 1210** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Payoff Of Judge Jim Helbling For Earned Vacation In Excess Of The Policy Maximum. [A4.1.8]

**Councilmember Rackley moved approval of Resolution 1210. Councilmember DeLeo seconded the motion.**

Councilmember King said that Judge Helbling should be honored for transferring a portion of his vacation hours to aid a fellow employee with a prolonged illness. He added that it speaks well of the Judge's commitment to the City and its employees.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

B. **AB03-303** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing the Finance Director to pay the Claims and Payroll for the Month of December through 12/31/03. [F4.8]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the Claims and Payroll for the month of December through 12/31/03. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.**

Anticipating there would be no further Council meetings in the year, Mayor Young said this action would help keep the employees paid.

**VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES:**

- A. **AB03-276** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Approving And Accepting The Final Plat For The Panorama Heights, Phase 3, PUD. [03.7.2]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve and accept the final plat for Panorama Heights, Phase 3, PUD. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

Councilmember asked when the Sky Island connecting road will be completed. Mayor Young responded that work is scheduled for the Spring with completion in August. Councilmember Noble said the Community Development Committee discussed the need for the City to address the adequacy of water resources before continuing to add new subdivisions and businesses.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

- B. **AB03-277** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Approving And Accepting The Final Plat For The Panorama Heights, Phase 4, PUD. [03.7.2]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve and accept the final plat for Panorama Heights, Phase 4, PUD. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

- C. **AB03-296** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Approving A Change Order To The Ball Park Well Drilling Project For Holt Drilling. [04.10.1]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve a change order for Holt Drilling on the Ball Park Well Drilling Project. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Johnson asked for clarification that this item deals with Holt Drilling and the next one with RH2 for design elements. Mayor Young affirmed that Councilmember Johnson was correct in his assumption.

Dan Decker, 20401 70<sup>th</sup> St. E., asked about the nature of the change order and the associated costs. He asked if the Council had considered the 17 acres and well owned by an individual named Dan.

Mayor Young asked Director Boettcher to address the nature of the change order. Director Boettcher said the well was anticipated to produce 1,000 to 1,500 gpm. He said the test well only yielded 200 gpm. Additional efforts were employed to increase the production of the test well bringing it up to nearly 300 gpm, valued at nearly \$300,000, making it worth the additional effort and time. He added that the City is now able to pump its entire water right of 1270 gpm at the Ball Park site.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

- D. **AB03-297** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Approving A Change Order To The RH2 Agreement For The Ball Park Well Drilling Design, Treatment Pre-Design And Site Selection. [04.10.1]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve a change order to the RH2 Agreement for the Ball Park Well drilling design, treatment pre-design and site selection. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Johnson asked for clarification on the payments for this and the previous item. Director Boettcher explained that the payment under AB03-296 was for Holt Drilling and that the payment under AB03-297 would ultimately go to the geo-hydraulic sub-consultant to RH2 on the Ball Park Well. He added that they were the on-call people directing RH2 on the additional drilling efforts. Director Boettcher continued by explaining that an expanded pump test to stress-test the aquifer will be conducted over the Christmas holidays. Councilmember King said that although it may seem a substantial sum, in relation to the amount of the City's investment in the Ball Park Well, it is a very small sum, and is needed to make sure the City's direction is proper.

Dan Decker, 20401 70<sup>th</sup> St. E., said he understood the total cost to develop the Ball Park well to be between three and five million dollars to pump a water right of 1270 gpm. He said the 17 acres he referenced a few minutes ago is being sold for \$2.5 Million and will pump up to 8,000 gpm. He asked why the City was not looking at this property.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

#### **VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES:**

- A. **AB03-288 – Resolution 1206** – A Resolution Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting A Neighborhood Traffic Control Program. [01.6]

**Councilmember Johnson moved to approve Resolution 1206. Councilmember DeLeo seconded the motion.**

Councilmember DeLeo congratulated Councilmember Johnson for taking the lead on this project, involving citizens and doing a substantial amount of the leg work.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

- B. **AB03-298 – Resolution 1207** – A Resolution Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing An Agreement With The Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society For The Period Of One Year (January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004). [01.1]

**Councilmember DeLeo moved to approve Resolution 1207. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

- C. **AB03-299 – Resolution 1208** – A Resolution Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor And Chief Of Police To Sign A Jail Agreement With The City Of Buckley For A Period Of One Year And Automatically Renewing In Subsequent Years Unless Either Party Exercises The Termination Clause Of The Agreement. [01.7]

**Councilmember King moved to approve Resolution 1208. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

#### **IX. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:**

- A. **AB03-282** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Accept, Modify, Or Reject The Decision Of The Hearing Examiner For The QWEST Wireless Tower Conditional Use Permit Located At Rainier Plaza. [03.9]

Deputy Mayor Swatman left the Council Chambers. Mayor Young announced that this is a closed record hearing and that directions to the Council were given by the Deputy City Attorney in last week's Council workshop. He said the question before the Council is, "Was the Hearing Examiner correct in his ruling?" He continued his remarks by saying, if so then a motion to accept would be appropriate, and would be conclusive on the part of the Council. He added that if the Hearing Examiner was incorrect in his findings and conclusions then a motion to reject would be considered, and would require additional Council action to approve findings and conclusions as to why it should be rejected.

Deputy Attorney Ganson said that the Council could adopt, by simple motion, the findings and conclusions of the Hearing Examiner. He added that if the Council were to reject the Hearing Examiner's decision, then a written resolution should be prepared for a later meeting setting forth the Council's findings and conclusions. Mayor Young said the Council action this evening is based on the record already appearing and no public comment will be taken for or against any action the Council might take. He added that the Council has to look at the record as it was given—as the Hearing Examiner took it.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to reject the Hearing Examiner's findings. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Rackley said that the Hearing Examiner made two errors. One is that there was a completely different category for cell towers which the Council never intended. He added that that being the case, then the subject cell tower is within the ½ mile radius from the existing cell tower. Councilmember DeLeo asked if the “Response to Appeal” document submitted by David Hall would be considered an ex parte communication. Deputy City Attorney Ganson said that the City’s ordinance does allow for written documents with respect to an appeal to be submitted up to three days before the Council’s scheduled consideration. He added that it is acceptable and can be considered.

Councilmember King asked Councilmember Rackley to explain what the Hearing Examiner defined improperly. Councilmember Rackley responded that the Hearing Examiner found that the cell tower on the Public Safety Building was in fact not a cell tower, but an emergency services antenna. Councilmember Rackley said it is a cell tower. Councilmember Johnson read from Bonney Lake Municipal Code (BLMC) 18.50.008 and said that a tower is a tower—the City does not distinguish a difference. He added that he finds with Councilmember Rackley. Councilmember Noble said that after reading BLMC 18.50 she concurs with Councilmembers Johnson and Rackley.

Mayor Young asked the City Council if they felt that it would stand up in court that the emergency services antenna is considered the same as a cell tower. Councilmembers Rackley and Johnson reiterated their positions. Mayor Young asked how the Hearing Examiner distinguished between the two towers. Councilmember Rackley said the Examiner made a distinct difference between the two kinds of towers. Councilmember Johnson added that the Examiner’s ruling was incorrect when he said that treating the towers the same was contrary to the Council’s intention.

Councilmember King referenced BLMC 18.04.010, on page 10 of the Examiner’s decision. He read from the description of support structures. He also read the definition of camouflaged and concluded that the proposed tower fits within that definition and the meaning of the chapter as it relates to camouflaged personal wireless service structures. He concluded that Councilmembers appeared to be condemning the Hearing Examiner for making new law, while denying existing law. He said it was personally clear that the Council intent was to limit the proliferation of personal wireless services facilities from competing companies so that Bonney Lake would not become a forest of cell phone towers—of the kind that were in use at the time that this particular section of the BLMC was written by the Council. He added that the state of technology has been advanced from that time and that within perhaps five years this current argument will be moot. He concluded by stating that if the Council is not pleased with the hearing examiner process then they should do away with it by changing the law.

Councilmember Hamilton said he considered the intent of the separation rule which he feels is to mitigate the visual impact of the cell tower. He added that a camouflaged tower is intended to do the same thing. He said that Council would be unfair and wrong to treat a camouflaged tower like the proposed flag pole tower the same as a non-camouflaged tower. He said the municipal code section reads that it is not intended to

unreasonably discriminate between providers of functionally equivalent personal wireless services. He concluded that to use the ½ mile separation rule for two different types of antennas, one designed and built to mitigate its visual impact, would be unfair.

Councilmember DeLeo said that he was on the Council when the ordinance was adopted and on the Rainier Communication Commission when the Council used their model for this ordinance. He said he must agree with Councilmembers King and Hamilton that the Council's intent initially was to mitigate the visual impact of cell towers. He added that they had discussed a variety of ways to camouflage poles, one being as a flag pole. He said he was not in favor of a 150 ft. flag pole, and thought perhaps the height was excessive. He added that he hoped Cingular would work with the City to minimize the necessary height. He concluded that he felt the municipal code definitely treated camouflaged poles differently than other types of mono-poles. He said he would reject the appeal feeling that the municipal code excludes camouflaged poles from the ½ mile separation rule.

Mayor Young asked the Council if they wished to consider the claim that the appellant lacks standing. Councilmember Rackley responded that one could take the perspective that the legislator has ownership in the code and may be aggrieved if it is misused. Councilmember Hamilton noted that Deputy Mayor Swatman testified at the Hearing Examiner's Hearing and was party to the record. Councilmember King noted that the appeal appeared pro forma, that no new information was provided by the appellant. Deputy City Attorney Ganson said that because Deputy Mayor Swatman is a Councilmember, he was instructed to not supply any additional information other than the appeal application.

Councilmember Noble quoted the letter submitted by David Hall regarding the Appearance of Fairness. She said the Council is a legislative body, not legislative buddies. She added that relationships can go both ways and that poor relationships could work against an individual too. She said she felt the Council could do its research and deliberations on the issue objectively.

Mr. Hall asked to clarify his submitted materials stating that he felt the Council would benefit from his comments. Mayor Young asked for Deputy City Attorney Ganson's input on this request. Deputy City Attorney Ganson reminded the Council that they had determined at their last workshop to take no further input and that Council is not legally required to accept further comment. Mayor Young ruled that the Council has already determined to take no further input at this time unless overruled by the Council. Councilmember DeLeo asked if he could ask a question of Mr. Hall. Deputy City Attorney Ganson said that if the Council desired to hear Mr. Hall, then they should allow all respondents who wish to address the Council to speak. Mayor Young again responded that he would uphold the Council's previous decision, unless overruled by them.

Mayor Young asked the Council if any of them had conversations with Deputy Mayor Swatman since the appeal was filed. Each Councilmember responded no.

**Motion failed 3 – 4. Councilmembers DeLeo, Hamilton and King voted no. Mayor Young also voted no to break the tie.**

**Councilmember DeLeo moved to approve the Hearing Examiner’s findings and conclusions. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.**

Councilmember King said he believed it is necessary to act. But he charged the Council to re-look at the ordinance before the next facility is proposed. He suggested a moratorium on further cellular communication facilities until the law is reviewed. He suggested further discussion in the New Year. Councilmember Hamilton said that he hopes the City will work to site future cell towers on public property as far away from residential property as possible. Councilmember DeLeo feels that the ordinance does its job well, except, he added, that the Council never contemplated a 150 ft. flag pole in the highest part of Bonney Lake. He said he hoped that in the spirit of good neighbors Cingular would take another look at the necessity for that height. Councilmember King said he understands that this new tower is needed to enhance the public safety ability to identify the location of 9-1-1 callers using cell phones. He added that there are lots of non-attractive facilities that enhance the public safety and welfare of citizens, e.g. utility poles with electric transformers, cable and phone lines, etc. Councilmember Noble said that while the Council was thinking about the growing community and moratoriums, that the Council should consider a moratorium on development until the City’s water situation is figured out for both current and future customers.

**Motion approved 4 – 3. Councilmembers Johnson, Noble and Rackley voted no. Mayor Young voted in favor of the motion breaking the tie vote.**

Mayor Young explained that he felt a rejection of the Hearing Examiner’s findings would fail to stand in a court of law if pursued further. He said his action does not reflect on his personal feelings about cell towers.

Mayor Young declared a five minute recess. He reconvened the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

- B. **AB03-169 – Ordinance 995** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Washington, Amending Ordinance 826 and BLMC Sections 3.90.020 – 040 Dealing With Miscellaneous Fees. [F4.3]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to adopt Ordinance 995. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.**

Deputy Mayor Swatman said that normally the Council would not adopt an ordinance immediately after the public hearing, but since no one spoke at the hearing, it would be appropriate for Council to act.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

- C. **AB03-171 – Ordinance 997** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Washington, Adopting The Annual Budget For The Calendar Year 2004. [F3.7]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to adopt Ordinance 997. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

Councilmember Noble said she would like to have Council input into the portion of the budget that describes the Council's goals and accomplishments. Mayor Young said that there would be opportunity for the Council to comment before the final document is produced. Director Weidenfeller said he would be sure to give the Council opportunity to add to that portion of the budget. Councilmember King said he appreciated Councilmember Nobles comment and thought that the Council retreat in February may serve to help the Council refine the description of their goals. Councilmember Noble said there are many more things that the Council has accomplished than are summarized by the Council highlights.

- D. **AB03-172 – Ordinance 998** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Establishing The Non-Union Salary Scale For 2004. [F3.7]

**Councilmember Rackley moved to adopt Ordinance 998. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.**

Councilmember DeLeo passed out information from the AWC 2003 Salary Book. He said he found some idiosyncrasies. He said that Bonney Lake seems to lead the way in salaries in its Finance Department. He said his specific concern is with the Senior Center Director's pay. He added that considering how well the Finance Department does, the City can afford to better compensate its Senior Center Director.

**Councilmember DeLeo moved to amend the ordinance by raising the Senior Center Director's pay across the grid by \$500 per month. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Rackley said he would like to study this proposal more and asked if there was a need to act on it immediately. Mayor Young said that the Council could come back at any time and amend a particular line in the ordinance. Mayor Young said that in defense of the Finance Department, the City did go out and do comparisons and the Senior Center Director position is a difficult one to compare. Councilmember Rackley moved to table the proposed amendment. Council discussed the motion with Deputy City Attorney Ganson, who concluded that the Council should either vote the amendment up or down, that tabling it effectively kills the amendment. Councilmember Rackley said he simply wanted a little more time to review the numbers proposed by Councilmember DeLeo.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Senior Center Director's position is elusive for purposes of comparison. He supported the research that Councilmember DeLeo did. Councilmember King said he recognized the quality of the work done by the person, but that the Council should separate the person from the position in their deliberation. He said he concurs that the issue needs more study. Councilmember DeLeo said that he has observed during his last few months at the Senior Center that the Director's position is a lot more involved than may appear on the surface. Responding to Deputy Mayor Swatman's question as to the number of hours required of the position. ASC Reber responded forty plus hours per week. Councilmember Johnson said he would prefer to wait until the next workshop to consider this proposed change.

**Amendment to main motion approved  
4 – 3. Voting no were  
Councilmembers Johnson, King and  
Rackley.**

**Amended motion approved 7 – 0.**

- E. **AB03-300** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Canceling the Council Workshop of December 16<sup>th</sup> and the Regular Council Meeting of December 23.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to cancel the meetings of December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

Councilmember Johnson asked that the Workshop for January 6 include the review of the salary grid. He said he was gathering information for the Council to review at a workshop. He also asked if a retreat date was set. ASC Reber said that an email was communicated identifying February 6 & 7 as the dates for the retreat.

Councilmember King reminded Council that January 28 & 29 the Association of Washington Cities has its annual workshop on legislation. He also noted that new Councilmember's orientation is coming up in January.

Councilmember DeLeo announced that at the Holiday Dinner hosted by the Council and Senior Center on December 26<sup>th</sup> the Mayor has authorized any interested staff working that day to come and help serve. Judge Helbling asked Mayor Young if Senior Center Director Barkley could address the Council. Although surprised, Director Barkley thanked the Council for their earlier action on her behalf. She also announced that today for the first time 26 seniors were able to sign-up for commodities from the center, and that new sponsors are helping with that program.

- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mayor Young announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) the Council would adjourn to executive session to deal with an issue related to property acquisition. He estimated the session would last 10 minutes. The session commenced at 9:06 p.m.

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Young reconvened the regular session.

**Councilmember DeLeo moved to amend the agenda to allow for the consideration of RFPs for City Hall. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

**Councilmember Rackley moved to reject all previous RFP's received for a new City Hall. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 5 – 0 – 2.**

Mayor Young thanked the Council for adopting the budget and wished the Council well for the coming holidays.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 9:13 p.m., Mayor Young adjourned the meeting with the Council's common consent.**

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Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

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Robert Young, Mayor