

City of

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**November 8, 2003  
9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**



*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"*

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Call to Order: Mayor Young called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Bob Young, Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember James Rackley. Also in attendance was Councilmember-Elect Mark Hamilton.

Staff members attending throughout the day: Administrative Services Coordinator Tom Reber, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Judge James Helbling, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher and Deputy Director Gary Leaf, Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Police Chief Bryan Jeter, IT Coordinator Chuck McEwen, Senior Center Director JoAnne Barkley, Court Administrator Kathy Seymour and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Announcements: Councilmember Johnson announced that he would need to be absent from approximately 10 – 11 a.m. to coach a soccer game at Allan Yorke Park. Mayor Young announced that he must shortly leave to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade in the City of Auburn, and would return later in the morning.

Agenda Items

Mayor Young noted that Senior Accountant Dave Papandrew had done a great deal of work on the budget and would have participated in the presentation, but was on bereavement leave, his brother-in-law having unexpectedly passed away.

Mayor Young said he wrote an article for the newspaper that talks about the budget. He feels it's the most important document the Council adopts all year, because it's a tool used to enhance the livability of the community and is a planning document for the future. He said the Council would see the accomplishments for the past year and the goals for the coming year. He added it's a moderate budget, that staff is guardedly optimistic. As a consequence, he proposed a small decrease in the property tax for 2004. He hoped that multiple years of small decreases would eventually make a real difference. He discussed the new positions being requested for next year and reviewed other issues to be addressed in the coming year.

After discussing the topic of the Ad Valorem Tax rate for 2004, the Council came to consensus in recommending the property tax rate be set at the rate of \$1.60 per thousand of assessed valuation.

1. Presentation and Discussion of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

- A. Public Works – Overview and specific discussion regarding Facilities, Parks, Streets, Water, Sewer, Storm, Solid Waste, Equipment Repair & Replacement.

Public Works Director Boettcher provided an overview of the department's current accomplishments and goals for next year. Needed positions were discussed as well as facilities improvements at the Public Safety Building, Ascent Park and revisions to the Park Board's responsibilities.

Consensus was reached to provide \$40,000 for a master plan for the new tank site and Allan Yorke Park; provide \$80,000 for the dike at Allan Yorke dike and sand beach volleyball court; and add \$100,000 for improvement of the fields at Allan Yorke Park.

The chip-seal program for 2004 was discussed. Director Boettcher said that 3 miles of streets were planned for treatment. He reported that generally the ditches are dressed-up at the same time. Council asked for a list and schedule for the street improvements.

The Council discussed with Director Boettcher the issue of water availability certificates and development. He said the department tried to update Council about twice per year in conjunction with their consultant RH2. The sanitary sewer and storm water systems were also discussed.

The Equipment and Replacement Fund was discussed and administration urged to not delay the replacement of identified vehicles. Staff gave a brief history of the development of the fund. Council proposed allocation of \$90,000 for the replacement of three vehicles.

2. The Council and staff continued with a working lunch discussing the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund, the Public Safety Construction Fund, and the Public Safety Maintenance and CIP Funds. Council directed that funds allocated for city hall in the Municipal Capital Fund be reallocated to fund balance and \$32,000 in the Public Safety Construction Fund put toward improvements to the police impound area.

During a break, Councilmember DeLeo showed a short video about the Rainier Communications Commission.

3. Continued Presentation and Discussion of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

A. Police, Animal Control, Drug Investigation.

Council discussed the adequacy of patrol vehicles and replacement schedule with Chief Jeter. There was consensus from the Council to add another \$60,000 to the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund for the possible replacement of two more police vehicles.

Also discussed were the D.A.R.E. program and the potential for a successor program. Chief Jeter said the new School Resource Officer would help make recommendations. The Safe Haven project for the Public Safety Building was discussed as well as court security and marine unit boat storage and development of an impound yard.

Questions were asked about the City's handling of domestic violence cases and what information or assistance was provided to the victims. Chief Jeter said that the City's prosecutors did not feel a domestic violence advocacy program was currently needed in Bonney Lake. It was agreed to invite the prosecutor's office to present their feelings on the topic and describe what they do to assist victims of domestic violence.

Officer safety equipment was discussed. Chief Jeter noted that new body armor was on order and that smaller Taser weapons were included in the upcoming budget. Animal Control was also discussed as well as the drug investigation program.

B. Legislative, Judicial, Executive, Finance, Legal, Data Processing, City Clerk, Senior Center, Planning and Community Development, Building.

The Council reached consensus to reprogram the \$23,000 in election costs to Council outreach. There was some consideration of using these funds for additional printed information to citizens or for community cable broadcast of Council and other City meetings. Combining the later use with the possible development of video arraignment in the municipal court, and the need for upgraded sound in the Council/Court Chambers was also discussed. Mayor Young presented the Street of Dreams in Bonney

Lake as part of the Executive Department highlights. There was consensus to add \$20,000 to the budget for the 2004 Bonney Lake Days. The Council concluded with review of the proposed budgets for Finance, Information Technology, City Clerk, Senior Center and the Department of Community Development, Planning and Building. They asked that \$23,000 be removed from the Finance Department professional services line item and added to the Planning and Community Development Department for the abatement of public nuisance vehicles.

4. Executive Session: Due to the lateness of the hour, no executive session was held.
5. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned by common consent at 5:23 p.m.

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Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

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Robert Young, Mayor