

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**March 4, 2003
5:30 p.m.**



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.

MINUTES

"Where Dreams Can Soar"

Roll Call

Mayor Young called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmembers Stephen Bricker, Phil DeLeo, Neil Johnson, Dave King, and Jim Rackley. Staff members attending were Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Judge James Helbling, Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher, City Engineer John Woodcock, Police Lieutenant Mike Strozyk, Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson, and Pro Tem City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Agenda Items

1. Open Discussion.

Mayor Young announced the imminent departure of Information Technology Coordinator Chuck McEwen on active military duty, and suggested an agenda modification to discuss the impacts.

Councilmember Bricker moved to add an item for discussion at the end of the agenda to discuss the departure of the IT Coordinator. The second was by consensus.

Motion Carried 6 - 0.

Councilmember Rackley handed out a copy of proposed Ordinance 987 regarding off-road vehicles and asked to have discussion at the next workshop.

Mayor Young announced the Pierce Transit Board would review its composition on March 26 at 9:00 a.m. at Pierce Transit.

Councilmember Johnson asked Councilmembers to review information he had previously provided on the upcoming retreat—May 28 and 29. He announced that he would miss his first Council meeting on 3/11. He offered to be available by phone to participate in the meeting if needed.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said that his tentative position was to support proposed Ordinance 987. He desired to give the public opportunity to express their feelings before the Council made a decision.

Councilmember DeLeo spoke in favor of a public hearing on the issue, noting that there are a lot of riders in the Church Lake area.

Mayor Young asked if there was interest in setting a time limit for the evening's meeting. There was consensus to go with the agenda without limitation.

Councilmember Rackley asked about junk cars on 74th St. E and Myers Rd. He also asked if someone had been contacted about the memorial plastic flower garden on Myers Rd.

associated with the fatalities at that site. Lieutenant Strozyk said that the police department was attempting to set a meeting to discuss the topic with the mother of two of the victim's.

2. Draft Workshop Minutes – February 18, 2003.

Council briefly discussed the draft minutes, but agreed to no changes. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked that the minutes be made available sooner for Council's use. Mayor Young responded that staff was working on that issue.

Old Business

1. Discussion - AB03-54 – Traffic Calming Measures on Ch.Lk.Dr., Locust & Myers Rd.

Councilmember Bricker introduced the subject. He said that an ad hoc committee including Councilmembers Johnson and King met in January to discuss traffic impacts. The three areas of study were Church Lake Drive, Locust Avenue and Myers Road. The committee's focus was lowering the average speeds in the most non-intrusive way. He described a proposed program of raised crosswalks, regulatory and warning signs, thermoplastic on-street signs and street 'turtles.'

John McDonald, Fire Marshal and Asst. Fire Chief of East Pierce County Fire and Rescue said that the fire department understood the need for traffic calming measures, and asked that any devices be properly engineered to reduce impact on the fire trucks. He said that 'turtles' have the least impact on the trucks.

Councilmember DeLeo said that he did not favor the proposals for Locust Avenue because it was a main collector street. He said he felt that the majority of complaints were generated by only one individual. Councilmember Johnson said he personally observed the street and conducted an informal survey. He feels that there is a problem. City Engineer Woodcock suggested a measured approach to traffic calming projects to include identified criteria for placement.

Judge Helbling reported on recent drives through the City to personally observe areas where he receives complaints about improper signage, sight distance, etc. He said that from his perspective the City is relatively well signed. He suggested the use of additional signage in park zones. Mayor Young said the City was talking with the Washington Cities Insurance Authority on park signage issues.

Police Lieutenant Strozyk was invited to describe the police department's added traffic emphasis during the month of March. He said the department had added 11 shifts dedicated to traffic enforcement during the month. He noted that March 15 would be the date for a DUI traffic safety patrol in the City.

Recess – Mayor Young called for a five-minute recess at 6:31 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:39 p.m.

2. Discussion – AB03-71 – Resolution 1077 – Approval of Reclass from Acctg. Asst. to Acct. Asst. II.

Finance Director John Weidenfeller introduced the item. He described the history of the request and the efforts used to study the position. He said that an outside review had been conducted with the recommendation made to reclassify the position. He responded to Council questions on the topic. Deputy Mayor Swatman felt that the issue was a management issue that should have been previously resolved. Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmembers Johnson and DeLeo felt that the position description should be reworked to recognize the employee's current duties without creating a new classification. Councilmembers Bricker, King and Rackley said they supported the staff proposal.

Director Weidenfeller said that based on the split position of the Council he would make some minor revisions to the proposed job description and negotiate an MOU with the union for the change in duties and salary while retaining the current title. He said that he would begin to compensate the employee with out-of-class pay until the MOU is approved.

3. Discussion – AB03-75 – 2022 Population Allocation and Residential Density.

Planning and Community Development Director Leedy introduced the topic. He said the City needed to select a target population for presentation and discussion with the Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC) for the planning horizon of 2022. Director Leedy said the staff recommendation for the combined target populations within the City and in the current growth area is 22,010. He noted that potential annexations favored by Pierce County might place the city in excess of those projections well before 2022. He concluded that the targets would be reviewed again in six years. The City Council briefly discussed the issue and by consensus gave consent to submit the data as developed the GMCC.

4. Discussion – AB03-78 – Storm Water Comp Plan 2003 Update.

City Engineer John Woodcock reviewed the accomplishments and completed projects of the Stormwater Utility. He reviewed the ongoing programs and identified anticipated deficiencies for the future as the City complies with federal and state regulations and applies for NPDES Stormwater II permits. The City Council discussed possible ways to provide public information and the potential resources needed to comply with regulations. Director Boettcher said staff would be submitting the applications about March 10, 2003.

5. Discussion – AB03-92 – Resolution 1071 – Declare Surplus Real Property At 18802 Mountain View Drive And Contract With Real Estate Professionals.

Finance Director John Weidenfeller presented an overview of the proposal to surplus City properties. He noted there would be a public hearing at the March 11, 2003 Council meeting. He said that a sidewalk would be added to the Ludwig Building property before it was brought back to Council to be declared surplus. The City Council discussed the pros and cons of selling the properties. Mayor Young suggested that the public hearing might prove useful to the City Council in their further deliberations.

New Business

1. Discussion – AB03-93 – Filling Council Position Vacancy – At Large Position #2.

Councilmember Bricker proposed an ad hoc committee to prepare more detailed questions that would help the Council determine the candidates knowledge of current issues. Deputy Mayor Swatman concurred and suggested additional topics such as fluoridation. The Council consensus was to provide candidates additional questions to consider before the interviews were conducted. Dates for interviews were discussed, but determination of the date postponed until the number of candidates is known.

2. Discussion – Departure of the Information Technology Coordinator.

Mayor Young explained that the City's IT Tech has been called up to active duty. He said he checked with Chuck Chrnaloger to determine if there was interest in providing services again to the City. Mayor Young presented the proposed rates. Finance Director Weidenfeller said there was the potential to use a replacement up to 25 – 30 hours per week. Director Weidenfeller said the proposed rates would be clarified and other alternatives explored.

3. Announcement – Mayor Young informed Council about the upcoming Community Summit with the Sumner/Bonney Lake Communities For Families Coalition on March 13, 2003 at Mountain View Junior High School.

Mayor Young adjourned the workshop at 8:15 p.m.

Robert Young, Mayor

Harwood T. Edvalson, Pro Tem City Clerk