

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**March 18, 2003
5:30 p.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"

Roll Call

Mayor Young called the workshop to order at 5:33 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, Police Chief Bryan Jeter, Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher, City Engineer John Woodcock, Building Official Ray Cockerham, Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson, and Pro Tem City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Agenda Items

1. Agenda Modification.

Councilmember Rackley moved to accept the proposed agenda modification and amend the agenda to include consideration of the minutes from the February 11, 2003 Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

2. Open Discussion.

Mayor Young announced that "Authorized Staff Only" signs would be placed at the entrances to the work areas of City Hall to enhance security for staff and the City's records and business equipment. He said a memo would be distributed to employees, board and commission members asking for assistance in enforcing this restriction.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked Community Development and Planning Director Leedy about the enforcement of a fence issue. Director Leedy said he would speak with the code enforcement officer and provide a response. Deputy Mayor Swatman also asked about towing of junk cars stored on the public right-of-way. Police Chief Jeter responded that the City should be able to tow those parked on the public right-of-way. Councilmember Rackley mentioned again the three junk cars on 74th and Myers. He said he thought they were on private property. Mayor Young mentioned the new County ordinances on junk cars and their success with enforcement. Councilmember King mentioned that the Public Safety Committee would be working to consolidate the Bonney Lake Municipal Code references to junk cars into one location. He also said they would consider the County ordinances for possible incorporation into the municipal code. He added that he hoped it would be on the Committee's agenda for the month of May.

Councilmember Rackley asked about the unofficial memorial on Myers Road. Police Chief

Jeter said he would check with Lieutenant Strozyk and provide a response.

Councilmember Bricker asked why City crews were involved in the building demolition associated with the project on Church Lake and Old Buckley-Sumner Highway? Public Works Director Boettcher said that the contract was written to have city crews do the work. He said it was not part of the bid scope for the intersection improvement project. Councilmember Bricker asked if the City was tagged by DOE or the State for something during the work. Director Boettcher said that State Labor and Industries (L&I) stopped by and expressed concern about the City's handling of asbestos on the demolition. He added that although the City has employees trained in dealing with asbestos, when the concerns were raised the City hired a commercial contractor that specializes in asbestos abatement to deal with the concerns. He said he would keep Council informed if any fines resulted from the L&I review.

Councilmember Bricker asked Police Chief Jeter to give an update on the special traffic enforcement efforts. Chief Jeter said that 18 were arrested for DUI, four within the City limits. He said there were 220 traffic stops during the event.

Councilmember Bricker also asked with what staff member he could talk about the status of improvements to the Public Safety Building. Finance Director Weidenfeller said that he was the appropriate person. He added there would soon be an item to the Finance Committee with an agreement between the Fire District and the City.

Councilmember DeLeo said there was a home fire on Inlet Island. He said he wanted to make sure that people didn't move back onto the property for habitation before the home was restored. Mayor Young asked Director Leedy to have the code enforcement officer review the situation.

Councilmember Rackley asked if there are additional tables to make more room at the workshop tables for the Councilmembers. Mayor Young said it would be arranged.

Councilmember Johnson said a street sign for 81st Ave. E. and Myers Road is out of the ground. He also asked Mayor Young about the committee meeting schedule for Bonney Lake Days. Mayor Young asked that he contact Ms. Crosier in his office for the proposed dates. Councilmember Johnson also mentioned some logistical details about the upcoming Council retreat.

3. Update on City Hall Annex

Community Development and Planning Director Leedy distributed a memo outlining the activities associated with the City Hall Annex and offered to respond to questions. He said there would be a delay because the modular being held for the City had been accidentally released and moved onto another site.

4. Draft Minutes: February 11, 2003; February 25, 2003; March 4, 2003; March 11, 2003

Councilmember Swatman noted an inconsistency in the voting record on page 6 of the 02/25 minutes, AB03-52. He said the vote should be 5 – 1. Councilmember Rackley also noted the need to change the vote on page 5, AB03-57 from 5 – 0 to 5 – 1.

Old Business:

1. AB03-94 – Resolution 1073 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing Out Of State Travel. [A4.7]

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to approve Resolution 1073. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

2. AB03-95 – Resolution 1074 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Signing Of A Contract Agreement Between The City Of Bonney Lake And AIS/PRISM, Inc. [01.9][A2.1]

Councilmember Bricker moved to approve Resolution 1074. Councilmember DeLeo provided the second.

Councilmember Rackley asked if the Citizen’s Academy was successful. Police Chief Jeter responded that the annual academy was well attended and very successful. Councilmember Bricker noted that he had participated in the academy twice and continued to learn new information.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

3. AB03-96 – Resolution 1075 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement With Pierce County For The Boating Safety Program Revenues. [01.8.13]

Councilmember Rackley moved approval of Resolution 1075. Councilmember Bricker made the second.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

4. Discussion – AB03-68 – Follow-up on Public Hearing to Surplus Properties.

Mayor Young introduced the issue and asked the Council for direction on the disposition of the properties at 9004 184th Ave. East and 18802 Mountain View Drive. The Council discussed the pros and cons associated with the sale of the properties. Councilmembers DeLeo and King spoke in favor of retaining the property on 184th Ave. E. until the imaging committee completed its vision for the City. Councilmember Bricker advocated the immediate sale of the property. Deputy Mayor Swatman also felt it should be sold but suggested further discussion could occur at the upcoming retreat.

Louisa Smith – 20112 Church Lake Road – suggested that perhaps the property could be used as a temporary location for the food bank if its current location were razed for additional parking.

Councilmember Johnson suggested continuing to lease out the property until someone expressed interest in purchasing it. After additional discussion, Council consensus was to lease the property for at least one year and review any proposals to purchase the property.

The City Council also discussed the condition of and improvements on the Mountain View property. Consensus was reached to proceed with the sale of this property.

Louisa Smith – 20112 Church Lake Road – encouraged the use of a commercial realtor for the sale of the property.

5. Discussion – AB03-104 – Update on School Resource Officer.

Police Chief Jeter said it was unclear whether the school district would be able to assist with the funding for this position. He said they hoped to have the resource officer on by the next school year. He added that they were examining the potential to fund the officer out of the General Fund rather than the COPS grant to provide greater flexibility to use the officer. Councilmember Bricker asked for follow-up to help make sure this assignment did not remain unfilled. He added that the SRO might be useful to interface with the youth using the skate-park during the summer. Councilmember Swatman asked if the SRO is normally a sworn officer. Chief Jeter responded that it was normal for the SRO to be a sworn officer with specialized training. Mayor Young agreed to provide periodic update to the Council.

New Business:

1. AB03-105 – Reappointment of Civil Service Commission Member Mark Hamilton.

Mayor Young announced that this item was being pulled from the agenda. He said its placement there had been premature.

2. Discussion – AB03-102 – Willowbrook High Water Complaint.

Public Works Director Boettcher summarized the complaint and associated issues with the high water experienced by some residents in the Willowbrook development. He said that the City had no authority to impose a solution or regulations that would have prevented the builder from developing this site. He explained that the builder had installed a drain in the wetland to reduce the water level, but that homeowner's had dumped grass clippings in the wetland and clogged the drain. Council asked about the legality of the drain installation. Director Boettcher said that his department would investigate whether there was a violation or threat to the wetland because of the drain and if it had an effect on the groundwater. Mayor Young said staff would be reporting back to the Council.

3. Discussion – AB03-103 – Update On Public Works Projects.

Public Works Director Boettcher presented a slide show summarizing such projects as the public docks on Lake Tapps, playground and park improvement projects, progress on the skate park, the various street projects, etc.

Mayor Young called for a five-minute recess. The meeting resumed at 7:18 p.m.

4. Discussion – AB03-106 – Possible City Ballot Issue On Fluoridation For November Election.

Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmember Rackley said they would like to see this issue on the ballot. Deputy Mayor Ganson suggested waiting until final legislation was adopted before trying to frame the question for the voters. Mayor Young said that Council should

soon know which legislation would be approved for further consideration during the legislative session. Councilmember Bricker expressed concern that taking action to place this item on the ballot at this time would be confusing to the voters. There was consensus to delay consideration until further information was available on possible state legislation.

Executive Session [A3.6.13]: Pursuant To RCW 42.30.110(I) Mayor Young announced that the City Council would meet in executive session to discuss litigation for approximately 20 minutes.

Adjournment

The Council returned to open session and adjourned by common consent at 8:47 p.m.

Robert Young, Mayor

Harwood T. Edvalson, Pro Tem City Clerk