

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 1, 2003

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 5:30 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, Senior Center Director JoAnne Barkley, City Engineer John Woodcock, Police Lieutenant Mike Strozyk, City Attorney Jim Dionne, and Pro Tem City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Agenda Items

1. Presentation:

A. **Ken Madsen, pierce County Assessor-Treasurer** used a power-point presentation to address such issues as property valuations, successes of the Assessor-Treasurer's Office, property tax exemptions, property tax levies and information specific to the City of Bonney Lake. The City Council asked several questions with responses provided by Mr. Madsen.

Recess – At the conclusion of the questions and answers, Mayor Young announced a recess to allow Mr. Madsen and his staff to collect their presentation equipment.

2. Open Discussion

Mayor Young reconvened the meeting at 6:16 p.m. and explained to the Council about the network intrusion detected by the City's Information Technology Coordinator on 03/31. He explained that Mr. McEwen was taking additional steps to prevent future hackers' entry and to preserve the network's integrity.

Councilmember King announced his absence from next week's Public Safety Committee Meeting and the April 8th Council meeting. Councilmember Johnson was drafted by Councilmember Bricker to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting as an alternate.

Councilmember Bricker asked staff if they were following up on the discrepancies noted between the municipal code and Ordinance 891. Planning and Community Development Director Leedy said his staff was pursuing the issue.

Deputy Mayor Swatman expressed appreciation for the Council and staff efforts to bring

about a very productive retreat for the City Council. He invited Councilmembers to track the progress on individual items of interest. Councilmember DeLeo and others express appreciation to Councilmember Johnson for his efforts to organize the retreat. Finance Director Weidenfeller congratulated the Council for the amount of work accomplished during the retreat. Mayor Young said that he would try and schedule a review of the retreat for the workshop of April 15 before the City Council interviewed candidates for the Council vacancy.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about a fence issue he had mentioned at the last meeting. Director Leedy offered his apology and offered to have a response available for the Deputy Mayor upon the return of the Code Enforcement Officer this next week.

Councilmember Rackley mentioned the 3 junk vehicles at 74th and Myers Rd. that he had previously reported. Deputy Mayor Swatman repeated his request about a junk vehicle in the City right-of-way. He said he would provide the police department the location. He also mentioned that a tent had appeared on a property in Cedarview where a trailer had burned. He said someone had scavenged the aluminum siding. Lieutenant Strozyk said the Police Department would look into it. Councilmember DeLeo asked that it be placed on the Public Safety Committee's agenda. Councilmember King said that an update of the City's junk vehicle code was one of his work projects. He said he was reviewing the County's updates to their codes. He hoped to have the topic on the Public Safety Committee Meeting for May.

3. Draft Minutes

The City Council reviewed the draft minutes from the meetings of March 18, 2003 and March 25, 2003 and had no suggested corrections or additions.

Old Business:

1. AB03-108 – Confirmation of Administrative Services Coordinator. [A3.8.5]

Councilmember Rackley moved to confirm the appointment of Tom Reber as Administrative Services Coordinator. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Swatman thanked Mr. Reber for his attendance and participation in the Council retreat. He asked Mayor Young if Mr. Reber's position would allow Mr. Weidenfeller to dedicate more time to the Finance Director's duties. Mayor Young responded that Mr. Weidenfeller would be able to devote most of his time to finance responsibilities. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Weidenfeller for spending 60 – 80 hrs. per week over the past 2 years as the Finance Director and Mayor's Chief of Staff. Mayor Young also expressed appreciation for Debbie Crosier's assistance to his office. He noted that the Finance Department had an aggressive schedule of training for the department's conversion to use of the Eden financial system software. Responding to Councilmember Swatman's question, he clarified that Mr. Reber's responsibilities would be as Chief of Staff and as the human resources manager.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

2. **Discussion** - AB03-112 – Council Candidate Interview Date and Advance Questions.

The City Council discussed the proposal to interview Council candidates on April 15. Councilmember DeLeo announced that he would be absent from that meeting. After further discussion, he asked to listen to a recording of the meeting and participate in the appointment process on April 22. City Attorney Dionne advised Council that individual interviews by Councilmembers may be contrary to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. He recommended that Council refrain from interviewing until the special meeting. By consensus, Council concluded to have the Pro Tem City Clerk contact the Council applicants on April 2 to advise them of the interviews, have Councilmembers submit questions to the Mayor by April 8 for compilation and distribution to candidates on April 9. They also concluded to have the review of the Council retreat at a brief workshop on April 15 before convening a special meeting to conduct candidate interviews.

Adjournment

At 6:45 p.m. Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember King seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

Robert Young, Mayor

Harwood T. Edvalson, Pro Tem City Clerk