

City of

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

June 3, 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 5:35 p.m.

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Stephen Bricker, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Director Tom Reber, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher, Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson, Pro Tem City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Special Projects Planner Stephen Ladd.

Agenda Modifications

Mayor Young noted that the "Open Discussion" portion of the meeting had been omitted from the agenda and would be added at the beginning of the agenda items. Councilmember Bricker expressed concern about the length of the agenda and suggested that the Council set a time limit of 9:00 p.m. and consider tabling any remaining items at that time. Councilmember DeLeo agreed, but suggested that Item #5, AB03-152, be moved up on the agenda.

Agenda Items

1. Open Discussion

Traffic Calming. Mayor Young reported that the Public Works Department was prepared to complete the Traffic Calming project, but the final funding source had not yet been determined. Public Works Director Boettcher said the cost was anticipated to be nearly \$20,000. Councilmember Bricker said he had suggested using the contingency fund, and had estimated the cost for the project at \$15,000 to \$20,000. Following general consensus, Finance Director Weidenfeller said he would prepare the appropriate legislation for the Council's action. Deputy Mayor Swatman requested a description of the sources of the monies in the contingency fund, identified by position.

Public Relations. Speaking of asbestos and street improvements, Councilmember DeLeo suggested that providing factual data in response to emails critical of the City's actions might result in fewer letters to the editor or articles in the newspaper critical of the City. Mayor Young responded that he welcomed suggestions about how the City could be more effective in this area. He said that the City had responded to every question that was submitted about the asbestos issue, including extensive discussions with the reporter along with all the information that had been provided to the Council. Councilmember Bricker said he felt it was an unfortunate article that the City had little chance of impacting. Councilmember King

said that although the article and editorial used a poor selection of quotes and words that may have been misinforming, he felt the situation demonstrates that there is open government in the City of Bonney Lake. Mayor Young said he intended to provide a response to the newspaper after receiving final information on the L&I investigation.

Cell Tower. Councilmember Rackley submitted the letters and petition he has received regarding the proposed cell tower. He said he wanted the Council to know what kind of reaction the issue was receiving, and when the Hearing Examiner's response would be issued. Planning & Community Development Director Leedy said that the code provides for a 10 day response, but could be extended if additional research is required by the examiner.

Deputy Mayor Swatman mentioned an email that he had sent to the Mayor. Mayor Young encouraged the Council to mention their concerns to Staff before a public hearing if there is a concern that errors have been made. He said that testimony from a Councilmember in a hearing that may come back to the Council on appeal may result in a situation where the Councilmember may have to recuse him or herself from further discussion. Deputy City Attorney Ganson said that each Councilmember had the right to speak at a hearing as an individual. He added that an appeal back to the Council of a decision resulting from that hearing may raise an appearance of fairness issue for that Councilmember's participation in the appeal. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he participated in the hearing to make sure that the facts were properly presented and was very aware of the potential impacts of his testimony should the decision be appealed. He had been concerned that staff needed to look again at what they were presenting. Mayor Young said that he had requested a report from the Planning Department and anticipated their response after getting settled in from their move to the City Hall Annex.

Stop Signs on Myers Rd. Councilmember Johnson said that he had done an informal poll of folks in the neighborhood about the three way stop on Myers Rd. and 181st. Of approximately 190 individuals, he said that 90% like the new stop signs, and most are stopping. Councilmember Bricker said that the Police Department was already citing people for rolling stops at that location.

Councilmember On Vacation. Councilmember King said that he would be on vacation and business travel from July 1 – 21st. He noted that he would miss two council meetings and a workshop during that month. He asked the Council to excuse him from those meetings noting that this is the first vacation he's had since Sept. 11, 2001.

Angeline Heights PUD. Councilmember Noble distributed information regarding this continuing issue. Mayor Young asked Director Leedy to update the Council on the current status of the project. Director Leedy said that planning representatives did tour the area after the date promised for completion. He said the fencing had been completed but none of the landscaping done. He added that staff had called the developer and bonding company. The developer indicated that he had a problem with the landscaper hired and that he now had someone lined up that would complete the work by next week. The bonding company felt that reasonable progress was being made. Councilmember Noble pointed out that the residents have been waiting in excess of two years. Council discussed possibilities for enforcing completion of the work. Councilmember King said that sometimes the City is required to spend money to enforce its regulations. He said this should be the case with the Angeline Heights PUD.

Regional Park. Councilmember DeLeo asked about the status of funds to assist with the

investigation of a proposed regional park. Council and staff discussed the need for funding in light of the REET money the County had already earmarked for development of a park. There was additional discussion about the requirement to match the County's funds of up to \$1.4 Million when development of a park is ready to go forward. At the conclusion, there was general consensus that some City funds should be spent in support of the investigation phase for the park. Mayor Young suggested that those attending the meeting bring back some specifics about the need and the amount.

2. AB03-152 – Resolution 1117 - Naming the Skate Park the Jack Kobelin Memorial Skate Park—(Item #5 of the meeting agenda).

Councilmember DeLeo said that Jack Kobelin raised a lot of money for a youth center. He added that the plan for a youth center was the seed that today became the skate park. He said that Mr. Kobelin was well known in the community for his charitable services.

Don Frazier, former Bonney Lake Police Chief, agreed with Councilmember DeLeo and encouraged the Council to name the skate park after Mr. Kobelin. He said that he and others in the community would be willing to contribute to the cost of a bronze plaque. Councilmember DeLeo suggested that a ceremony be held during Bonney Lake Days, Aug. 16 – 17. Mayor Young noted no opposition to the proposal and said the item would appear on the next Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Young announced a five minute recess.

3. Summary of March 28-29 Council Retreat.

Councilmember Neil Johnson provided commentary to a power-point presentation summarizing the Council retreat. He reviewed highlights of the City's 2002 accomplishments, challenges for 2003, discussions on the Council's policy role, their vision for the City and their goals & preferred direction for major City issues. By consent of the Council, a prepared summary of the retreat has been appended to these minutes.

Councilmember Johnson said that there had been discussion of perhaps holding briefing sessions with citizens in each of the City's Wards. Councilmember DeLeo suggested that a good demonstration of the City's progress on its goals would be to make improvements to Ascent Park. He mentioned changing the wording to read, "Welcome to Bonney Lake," and appropriate control of the weeds to enhance the look of the park. Councilmember Bricker said that Dan from Public Works had presented some excellent ideas to make the entryway more appealing. Councilmember DeLeo suggested community involvement in the work. Deputy Mayor Swatman suggested tasking the Park Board with developing solutions and suggestions for enhancements. He also asked about future retreats. Councilmember King gave his opinion that it would not be efficacious to have a Council retreat before the end of the year with potentially new Councilmembers not seated until January. He suggested that early in the New Year might better suit the Council's needs. Mayor Young summarized the discussion by saying that a retreat would be planned for the first part of 2004. Councilmember Johnson thanked Administrative Services Coordinator Reber for his coordination of the power-point presentation.

4. Review: Minutes of May 20 Workshop and May 27 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Swatman asked that the name 'Ropozo' be corrected on the first page of the

May 20 minutes. He said the first vowel is an 'A.' Councilmember Bricker asked that the word "untested" on page 5, Item #9, of the same minutes be changed to "unproven," as a better reflection of the Council's policy intent. Mayor Young said that the minutes presented for Council approval at the next meeting would incorporate those changes.

5. AB03-134 – Ordinance 989 – Amendment to ADU Regulations.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said that he had looked at the Municipal Research Services Center data and their report that Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) are not required until a city's population has reached 20,000. He said the report goes further to say the primary purpose of an ADU is to help aging property owners on fixed-incomes pay their property taxes and maintain their residence on the property. He said that several cities require residents to live on the property. He felt the issue was not significant in Bonney Lake where we've issued permits for only two ADUs.

Councilmember Rackley asked if connection fees for sewer and water were properly addressed in the ordinance. Councilmember Bricker said that the ordinance as written would allow the construction of an ADU first without any further consideration for the greater fees that could have been collected if the primary residence was built first. After further discussion there was general consensus to remove the proposed provision for ADUs by conditional use permit in R-1 and R1-A zones. Modifications were also accepted to clarify the collection of connection charges for sewer and water and to regulate the design of an ADU if it is the first residence constructed on a property. Mayor Young expressed the apparent consensus that the Council was ready to move on with the modifications as discussed being incorporated into the proposed ordinance. Councilmember King said that all the corrections should now be reflected in proposed Ordinance 988, the Unified Development Code. He congratulated the Planning Commission and Planning Department for their excellent work on these ordinances.

Mayor Young announced a five minute recess.

6. AB03-133 – Ordinance 988 – Unified Development Code.

Special Projects Planner Stephen Ladd used an overhead projector to summarize the permit types and associated processes as outlined in the proposed Unified Development Code. He also summarized the new enforcement chapter. He said that the new chapter consolidates several others into one, includes a major increase in fines, provides for the issuance of civil infractions and allows cities to abate unfit structures and place a lien for collection of associated expenses.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the definition of area-wide vs. site specific zoning. There was general discussion on the proposed definition and the impacts on Bonney Lake. Staff was requested to provide a clean-copy of the proposed ordinance with all of the referenced sections for further Council review and discussion. Mayor Young asked that Councilmembers hold onto their strike-through copies for future reference.

Councilmember Bricker moved to table the last three items of the agenda to the next workshop. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion failed 3 – 4. Voting no were Deputy Mayor Swatman

**and Councilmembers DeLeo,
Johnson and Noble.**

7. AB03-154 - WSU Demonstration Forest Ropes Course Participation.

Council discussed briefly the invitation extended to participate in the Challenge Ropes Course at the WSU Demonstration Forest. Some of the Councilmembers said that they had participated in ropes courses before or had physical limitations and were not interested in participating in the exercises. Councilmember Noble expressed interest in touring the facility with the Ms. Guttman, the facilitator.

Councilmember DeLeo said that he had prepared letters to encourage the preservation of the forest now and in the future for its current uses. He asked if there was objection to representing this position as the Council's position. Councilmember Bricker said he objected, feeling that there were more appropriate uses for this property situated in the heart of the City's commercial area. The City Council discussed other issues and scenarios that could occur with this property. Mayor Young said the issue would be scheduled for further discussion.

Councilmember Bricker moved to table the last two items on the agenda (Possible change of Council Ward to At-Large Positions and the Latecomer Agreement For the Springhaven Sewer Lift Station.) Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5 – 2.
Councilmembers King and
Noble voted no.**

Adjournment

At 8:56 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Bricker seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Harwood T. Edvalson, Pro Tem City Clerk

Robert Young, Mayor