

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

March 2, 2004

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 5:34 p.m.

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King and Councilmember Jim Rackley. Councilmember Cheryle Noble joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Staff members attending were Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Interim Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) Don Morrison, Interim Public Works Director Bill Gilbert, Assistant Public Works Director Gary Leaf, Judge Jim Helbling, Code Enforcement Office Denney Bryan and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Mayor Young introduced Don Morrison as the Interim ASC. Mayor Young also welcomed the attendance of the Park Board Commissioners: Chairperson Carol Ujick, Dan Totten, Darren Proctor, Leota Musgrave and Margaret Farrell.

Agenda Items

1. Parks Element of the Major Comprehensive Plan Update

Mayor Young introduced Special Projects Planner Steve Ladd. Planner Ladd narrated a PowerPoint presentation reviewing key elements of the Parks Element. He summarized the proposed levels of service standards, impact fee levels and the goals & policies of the plan. The City Council discussed the Park Board's and Planning Commission's recommendations. There was a majority consensus to increase the proposed civic center square footage from 20,000 to 40,000. As part of the consensus reached, the Council also gave direction to set the proposed impact fee for further discussion at \$1,500. Mayor Young referred the plan back to the planning staff and the attorney to determine the best method for moving the issue forward.

Responding to Councilmember Rackley's request, Mayor Young declared a five minute break. The break started at 6:58 p.m. Mayor Young brought the meeting back to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. AB04-28 – Ordinance 1016 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapters 1.12, 2.04 And 2.26 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code And Ordinance Nos. 236A, 388, 556, 648, 816, 875, 890 And 923, Repealing The Division Of The City Into Council Wards.

Mayor Young reminded Council that Louisa Smith and an ad hoc committee had surveyed area residents at grocery stores two years ago. He said that a majority of those surveyed did not know the Mayor's name, or their Councilmembers. He noted that they were also in favor of a new city hall, but were unwilling to fund it.

The Council discussed possible options to conduct surveys. They noted that the new Council Corner newsletter has generated many phone calls to individual Councilmembers. There was no support for pursuing further action on the change from the ward system to an all at-large Council system. Some spoke in favor of it being a ballot issue at some point in the future when the topic is more relevant to the needs of the City. Deputy City Attorney Ganson advised the Council that a ballot question would be purely advisory because this is an issue that is completely under the purview of the Council to determine. He added that the topic is not even subject to initiative and referendum. There was general consensus to conclude the discussion and move on with the meeting's agenda.

3. Open Discussion

Out-of-town. Mayor Young announced that he would be at the National League of Cities meeting until March 10. He added that he would be leaving on vacation from March 15th through the 30th. He said he would be reachable via phone, email and fax to conduct necessary City business. He asked Deputy Mayor Swatman to chair the next three Council meetings and workshops in his absence. Mayor Young invited the Council to provide input for the topics he might be able to discuss with the City's Congressional representatives on Tuesday, March 9. Councilmember Johnson noted that he would also be at the National League meeting, but would be back in time for the Tuesday Council meeting. Councilmember King noted that his work would require him to be out-of-town for the March 9th meeting and may require his absence from the March 23rd meeting.

Administrative Services Coordinator. Mayor Young said that a committee had been convened to re-interview for the regular ASC position. He hoped there would be an appointment there soon.

Economic development. Mayor Young said that a list of potential stake holders was being assembled for participation in an economic development committee. He invited recommendations from the Council that will fit the different categories of representation. Councilmember Johnson suggested that Randy McKibben be included as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce and that a representative of Kiwanis also be invited to participate. Councilmember Johnson then said that arrangements had been made to speak with Marty Wine and her associate about economic development. He indicated that Councilmembers Hamilton and Rackley were interested in participating. He asked if he could include Director Leedy in the conversation. Mayor Young asked that ASC Morrison also be included.

Surplus police cars. Councilmember King asked if there was a plan for disposal of surplus police cars. Interim Director Gilbert said that the Public Works Department is evaluating the vehicles to determine their disposition. City Councilmember DeLeo reminded staff that the Council was interested in donating the surplus police cars to the Alliance Against Domestic Violence (AADV). Speaking as a Boardmember of AADV, Councilmember Noble said that the vehicles would go directly to the victims of domestic violence. Mayor Young said that use would be kept in mind as the vehicles are evaluated.

Interim Public Works Director and Administrative Services Coordinator. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the difference in the process used to appoint the Interim Public Works Director vs. the Interim Administrative Services Coordinator. Director Weidenfeller explained that Council approval was necessary to go outside the approved salary range to

attract Mr. Gilbert as an interim public works director. He added that Mr. Morrison was willing to work on an interim basis for a salary within the approved range for an administrative services coordinator.

Reed well. Councilmember Hamilton asked about progress on the Reed Well. Deputy City Attorney Ganson said it would be an appropriate topic for executive session.

Police boat storage. Councilmember DeLeo said that the Public Safety Committee had again discussed storage for the police boat. He and Councilmember King recommended that the City proceed with the budgeted temporary structure. Councilmember King added that with Lake Tapps anticipated to be nearly full for the next four years that the City should construct a more permanent storage near the water that would allow for rapid deployment of the vessel when not moored on the lake. Councilmembers encouraged the collection of ramp fees on busy days during the off season. Mayor Young said he would get staff working on the issues.

Irrigation system for the Public Safety Building. Councilmember DeLeo noted that an irrigation system had been included in the budget for the Public Safety Building. He asked if work was going to proceed. Mayor Young responded that he would talk to the Public Works staff.

Construction vehicles on residential streets. Deputy Mayor Swatman reported that a lot of heavy truck traffic was traveling on the City's residential streets accessing developments to the south of the City limits. He asked if this was permissible under the City's municipal code. Interim Director Gilbert said he would look into the matter.

House on wheels. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if the City was pursuing legal action on this issue. Director Leedy said the owners have been put on notice and contacted by the City Prosecutor.

Sidewalks associated with development. Deputy Mayor Swatman pointed out that it appears at least one development had been required to construct sidewalks well beyond the limits of their property. He said he would like the City to encourage construction to fill in gaps that occur in some of the City's sidewalks.

Video camera for Public Safety Building. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the status of the video scenario for the Public Safety Building. Councilmember King recounted the problems that had arisen with the original concept of creating a safe haven inside the department's doors during off hours. He said the latest solution was to increase the lighting in front of the building around the public phone and to place a video camera to capture activity in the area. He added that the video would be linked to the Sumner Dispatch for monitoring if a person called 9-1-1 from that phone. He said the cost had been estimated at \$16,000. Director Weidenfeller suggested that it be discussed at the Finance Committee, and that Information Technology Coordinator McEwen be invited to receive the Committee's direction.

Council Corner Deadline. Councilmember Johnson asked the Council to submit articles for the Council Corner Newsletter by midnight- Thursday, March 4. He thanked Deputy Mayor Swatman for substituting for him at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

Allan Yorke Park. Councilmember Johnson asked about the improvements for Allan Yorke

Park. Interim Director said the fences were being taken down and another contractor was preparing to redo the infields and aerate the turf areas. Councilmember Johnson asked if there would be a report back from the contractor. Director Weidenfeller said the agreements would be on the next Council agenda for action.

Tipping fee increase, plastics recycling and trash cleanup. Councilmember Johnson said that he had noted a discussion during Sumner's televised Council meeting that a refuse tipping fee was being passed through to the customers. Director Weidenfeller explained that the increase for Bonney Lake residents had been absorbed within the current rate. He added that a new contract with DM Disposal was in the works. Councilmember King asked if additional sites for plastics recycling could be added. Councilmember Johnson asked if some additional garbage cans with the City's logo could be distributed for public use. Director Weidenfeller said this could be a further topic of the City's Image Committee that would be revived by the Interim ASC. Councilmember Rackley asked if garbage bags with the City's logo could be purchased for distribution to citizens who want to pickup trash on the streets and other public areas. Mayor Young said the staff would look into the requests.

Informational pancake breakfast. Councilmember DeLeo noted that as a result of the Council's retreat, an informational pancake breakfast has been arranged for May 1. He said it will be held in the Public Safety Building's fire truck bay from 8 to 11 a.m. He said the Council had identified the following items for information to be presented at the breakfast: the Comprehensive Plan, the Park Plan, the Traffic Calming Program, the community center, city hall and a citizen survey. He encouraged the development of some action committees to prepare and present the information.

Senior Center grant. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the status of the Senior Center grant. Mayor Young said the staff had received an honorable mention for their presentation of the grant. He said it goes to a vote, then to public hearing, and then to County Council. Mayor Young said that he would get a note back to the Council with additional information.

214th – 234th corridor. Deputy Mayor Swatman said that he had spoken with several people in the area. He said it is one of the City's top priorities. He asked for an update. Mayor Young said the staff was working on the issue and would bring forward some options. Councilmember DeLeo said that the Council had discussed the possible need for a Local Improvement District Coordinator. He proposed that the City hire one on a contract basis. There appeared to be general consensus by the Council to hire an individual by contract.

4. Review of Minutes: February 17 Workshop and February 24 Council Meeting.

There was general agreement to move the minutes forward for approval at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember King moved to suspend the Council rules and add AB04-39 - Resolution 1233 as the last item on the meeting agenda. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

5. **AB04-25 – Resolution 1226** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing A Contract With The Pierce Conservation District's Stream Team Program.

Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson explained that the agreement attached to the resolution at the last meeting was in the wrong form. He recommended Council's approval of the corrected Interlocal Agreement with the Pierce Conservation District's Stream Team as attached.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 1226. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

5. **AB04-37 – Ordinance 1020** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Ordinance Nos. 998 And 1012, Relating To The Non-Union Salary Scale For 2004 – HR position.

Councilmember Rackley moved to adopt Ordinance 1020 with a change to approve the Senior Human Resources Analyst Job Title on the salary scale. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that the proposed change to the position title does not change the salary range as previously adopted. Director Weidenfeller said that staff felt the title change would be an enhancement and an inducement to recruitment for the position. Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that the correct range had not been included on the job description. Mayor Young added that this correction would be clerical and would not affect the adoption of the ordinance.

**Motion approved 6 – 1.
Councilmember DeLeo voted no.**

6. **AB04-39 – Resolution 1233** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement Amending The Current Agreement For Legal Services With The Law Firm Of Dionne-Rorick.

Councilmember Rackley moved to adopt Resolution 1233 with the addition of the language to read, “when approved in advance by the mayor.” Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.

Councilmember DeLeo asked why this item was needed now. Deputy City Attorney Ganson responded that the City needs someone who is an acknowledged expert in the water field and well known to the Department of Ecology to represent the City with its water issues. He said the Law Firm of Dionne-Rorick has provided and would continue to provide the majority of the legal work. He said the water attorney would be used as a spokesperson, and to check the details of the underlying legal work. He concluded by saying that time is of the essence to sign this legal representative before he is hired to represent other interests. Deputy Mayor Swatman expressed concern that the proposed agreement allowed for the hiring of any firm or individual as a consultant. Deputy City Attorney Ganson replied that this arrangement was preferable to allow for the protection of the consultant's work under attorney-client privilege. Councilmember Johnson asked that advance notice be given to the Council with a projection of hours used and cost prior to the City Attorney retaining a consultant.

**Motion approved 6 – 1.
Deputy Mayor Swatman voted
no.**

7. Adjournment

Mayor Young announced there will be no executive session this evening. By common consent, he adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

Robert Young, Mayor