

**SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

March 11, 2005

MINUTES

City of



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"

Location of Meeting: Alderbrook Inn – Twanoh Room - located at 10 East Alderbrook Drive, Union, WA 98592.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Deputy Mayor Swatman called the Friday, March 11, 2005 special meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A. Attendance [A1.3]

In addition to Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman the following Councilmembers were in attendance: Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember Jim Rackley. Councilmember Phil DeLeo was excused. Mayor Young was absent.

Staff members attending were Retreat Facilitator Jack Collins and Administrative Services Coordinator Don Morrison.

II. DISCUSSION

A. In the Friday afternoon session, Councilmembers shared their reasons for running for office and their priority interests as a member of the City Council. The primary interest of the majority of Councilmembers is to improve the current parks and open spaces in the city and to develop and add to them. An interest in contributing to the overall improvement of the quality of life in the city was expressed in various ways by all Councilmembers.

Some Councilmembers expressed their interest in settling the City Hall location over the weekend. All but one Councilmember was hopeful that the retreat would be successful in improving Council meetings and prioritizing and re-prioritizing major issues for 2005. There was a general feeling that they would like to get earlier and better information on municipal issues so that they can get ahead of the issues and make better legislative decisions.

The six Councilmembers attending the retreat and thirteen anonymous key staff members had completed surveys on council effectiveness prior to the retreat. The evaluation of the staff was similar to the self-evaluation of council members. The council reviewed the survey results and discussed actions they might take to improve their effectiveness as a city council.

III. ADJOURNMENT – Deputy Mayor Swatman adjourned the session at 5:00 p.m.

Don Morrison, City Clerk Pro Tempore

Daniel J. Swatman, Deputy Mayor