Call to Order:
Mayor Robert Young called the November 15th Council Workshop to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call:
Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble, and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) Don Morrison, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Interim Police Chief Buster McGehee, Judge Jim Helbling, City Engineer John Woodcock, City Attorney Jim Dionne and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Agenda Items:

1. **Action: AB05-248** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake Setting A Public Hearing For November 22, 2005 At 7:00 P.M., Or As Soon Thereafter As Possible, Related To Revenue Sources For The 2006 Budget And Ad Valorem Taxes.

   Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to set the public hearing for November 22, 2005. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

   **Motion approved 7 – 0.**

2. **Action: AB05-249** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake Setting Public Hearings For The 2006 Budget During The Regular Council Meetings And Workshops Of November 22, December 6 And December 13, 2005.

   Councilmember Rackley moved to set the public hearings. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

   Councilmember Rackley asked why these public hearings are being scheduled if the Council’s real budget work is not going to take place until the new mayor takes office. Director Weidenfeller responded that the hearings are required by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). Councilmember DeLeo asked about who would be receiving free copies of the preliminary budget. Director Weidenfeller replied that Council’s past direction was that anyone requesting a copy was provided one free of charge. He said this would be the same policy again this year, unless Council wished to do differently.

   Councilmember King asked about the language of the agenda bill that seemed contradictory in its
description of the date to which the public hearings could be extended. Director Weidenfeller suggested removing the reference to the twenty-fifth day prior to the commencement of the City’s fiscal year. Councilmember King suggested that the date of December 25th be used as the cut-off for possible continuation of the budget hearings. By common consent of the Council, Mayor Young directed the City Clerk to change the agenda bill to reference the 25th of December.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

3. Council Open Discussion.

Public Works Policy. Councilmember Noble asked if the Public Works Director’s memo entitled, “Public Works Credibility and Professionalism,” had been reviewed by the City Attorney before it was sent to the Councilmembers. Director Grigsby replied that it had not been reviewed. Councilmember Noble stated that the Council are policy-makers and legislators. She added she was not clear of the intent of the memo, but interpreted it as directing the interaction between Council and citizens, and found it offensive. Director Grigsby said that was not the intent of the memo. Councilmember Noble asked that the City Attorney review the memo to determine if the City’s liability exposure is increased by the policy. Mayor Young said he will ask that it be reviewed.

Animal Control Program. Councilmember DeLeo asked for an update on the proposed Animal Control Program. Interim Chief McGehee provided the Council some corrected information. Deputy Mayor Swatman applauded the effort to provide a replacement program for the Humane Society services that will conclude with the end of the year. He said, however, he will not be supporting the program because he believes Bonney Lake should be able to provide its own facilities and program. Councilmember Hamilton reminded the Council that whether or not Bonney Lake runs its own animal control program is something which can be revisited at any time in the future. He said the time for transition is getting short and urged the City to move forward with its current plan. Interim Chief McGehee explained the projected budget figures for the animal control program with Sumner. He said the Sumner City Council essentially approved the program at their meeting last night, and will forward contract documents.

East Pierce County Traffic Summit. Councilmember Hamilton said arrangements have been made for a meeting between Pierce County and the Cities of Bonney Lake, Orting and Sumner to discuss traffic. He said the meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. on December 3rd in the Training Room at the Bonney Lake Public Safety Building. He said he has arranged for lunch to be provided for $12/person. Councilmember Hamilton said he will continue to work on arrangements for the meeting. Councilmember Noble commented for all the Council to attend, the meeting will have to be advertised as a special meeting. Councilmember Hamilton said the other cities will take care of the noticing for their Council’s and asked that the City Clerk publish notice of this special meeting. Councilmember King advised the Council that he had a prior commitment and would not be able to participate in the meeting.

City Banners on PSE Poles. Councilmember Hamilton said that Puget Sound Energy has agreed to allow the City to use 50 poles for display of City seasonal-type banners. He added that the banners must be installed by either PSE employees or state-qualified contractors. He asked if an agreement or contract is required between the City and PSE. City Attorney Dionne said that a letter documenting PSE’s willingness to allow placement of the banners is sufficient.

Cell Tower/Flag Pole. Councilmember King asked that Director Leedy provide the contact
person for the large cell tower/flag pole. He explained he wants to contact that person and advise
them the flag is tattered and needs to be replaced.

**Distressed Property on Locust Ave.** Councilmember King reported that Lake Jane Estates has
granted permission to the distressed property on Locust and Bonney Lake Boulevard to subdivide
up to as many as four lots. He asked to receive notification when the short plat application is
made. He added that the neighbors in the area are very interested in what happens with the lot.

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Councilmember DeLeo announced that December 3rd at
6:00 p.m. is the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Fire Station.

**Holiday Dinner.** Councilmember DeLeo asked the Council if the City will sponsor another
community dinner similar to the one the Council sponsored last year the day after Thanksgiving.
Several Councilmembers spoke in support. Concern was expressed there might not be sufficient
time to properly advertise and orchestrate a dinner by the Thanksgiving weekend. There was
general consensus to work toward a dinner near the Christmas holiday.

**Wastewater Treatment Facility Grand Opening.** Deputy Mayor Swatman reminded Council that
the Wastewater Treatment Facility will have a Grand Opening on November 19th at 1:00 p.m.

**Traffic Signal for Home Depot.** Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that he had seen no activity on
the installation of this traffic signal. Director Leedy said that pursuant to a request from the
County, the City will not issue a certificate of occupancy until the signalized intersection is
completed.

**Parking Behind Cedarview Plaza.** Deputy Mayor Swatman said the buffer behind Cedarview
Plaza has been encroached upon with the addition of a gravel parking lot. Director Leedy said he
will follow-up.

**Nuisance Vehicles on 198th Ave. E.** Councilmember Rackley asked about the disposition of the
nuisance vehicles on 198th Ave. E. Interim Chief McGehee responded that the trail has been
extended, and the public defender and the prosecutor are working with the resident there to come
to an agreed disposition instead of going to trial. He said he will provide updates to the Council.

**Results of the Community Survey.** Councilmember Rackley asked about the status of results for
the community survey. Mayor Young said copies of the results are being compiled and will be
available at the first break in the meeting.

**Council Ward Re-districting.** Councilmember King asked if an agreement had been signed to
conduct re-districting of the City’s Wards based on recent annexations. Deputy Mayor Swatman
reminded Council that another annexation is in the works for another 900 people. Councilmember DeLeo said the Council had decided to wait until after the election to decide about a survey for redistricting. Director Leedy said an official census would have to be done, but may not address all the imbalances. He said he believes that redistricting must be based on the Decennial Federal Census. Councilmember King said the Council may need to consider other methods to address the changing populations in wards.


There were no proposed corrections to the draft minutes as presented.
5. Discussion: AB05-278 – Resolution 1507 – Authorizing An Increase In Budget Authority/Contract Award Amount With RH2 Engineering For The Peaking Storage Tank Design

City Engineer Woodcock provided information from RH2 Engineering identifying the areas of additional expense on this project. The City Council asked Engineer Woodcock to describe the items on the list and the reasons for the unanticipated increases. He described a number of situations that contributed to the increases. At the conclusion of the presentation and Council discussion, Engineer Woodcock apologized for not keeping Council informed of the cost increases. He noted that with the Department’s new staff on board, the Council should be kept better informed of the progress of projects and any potential cost overruns.


Director Weidenfeller explained that at the Mayor’s direction the Council has been presented two versions of the proposed ordinance. One sets the same property tax rate as last year. The other proposes a slight reduction in the property tax amounting to about $20/yr for an average household. The City Council discussed the merits of the second ordinance. There was a majority consensus to move forward the ordinance that maintains the property tax at the same level as last year.

Mayor Young encouraged the Council to keep in mind while negotiating the new lease for the Fire Station that the Fire District received $1.50/thousand of the City’s taxing ability when the City closed its own Fire Department. He also advised the Council of the Tacoma City Manager’s proposal that Tacoma use a “fee-for-service” system rather than property taxes. He urged the Council to follow this development and added that it may be a more equitable way of funding Bonney Lake’s services.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 7:13 p.m.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Robert Young, Mayor

Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of November 15, 2005:

- City of Bonney Lake – Memo to City Councilmembers Re: Public Works Credibility and Professionalism – 11/02/05 – Councilmember Cheryle Noble.
- City of Bonney Lake – Seasonal Banner Locations, Terms and Cost – Councilmember Mark Hamilton.