

City of

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**February 7, 2006**

**MINUTES**



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**Call to Order:**

Mayor Neil Johnson called the February 7<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember David Bowen, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble, and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Interim Police Chief Buster McGehee, City Engineer John Woodcock, Public Works Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Rick Shannon, Assistant Public Works Director Gary Leaf, Public Works Lead Worker Curt Roundtree, Information Technology Coordinator Chuck McEwen, Senior Human Resources Analyst Jennifer Young, City Attorney Jim Dionne and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

**Agenda Items:**

5:32:10

1. Update: Sewer Comprehensive Plan.

Director Grigsby introduced Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Shannon to address the current situation with the wastewater pipeline study. O&M Supervisor Shannon showed portions of a video survey of some of the wastewater pipes of most concern to the Public Works Department. He said their main concern is the ductile iron pipe installed in 1986, which is rapidly corroding. He noted that the concrete pipe is also corroding, but is not as fragile as the ductile iron pipe. He said the proposed solution is the installation of a parallel pipeline to handle the diverted sewer flow while the existing pipe is slip-lined to make it serviceable again. City Engineer Woodcock added that the department is having testing conducted to determine the extent of the emergency repairs, but feels strongly the pipe down the slope from SR410 and across the Sumner Valley floor will require the parallel installation.

Responding to Council's questions about rights-of-way, Engineer Woodcock said the plan is to lay the replacement HDPE pipe on the ground, or shallowly buried as needed; divert the flow into the new pipe; slip-line the old pipeline; divert the flow again to the old pipeline; and then bury the new line. He said the emergency repair will result in additional flow capacity for future need within the City. A base estimate for the installation of the emergency line was given at \$2.1 million. He explained there is a strong possibility of the City receiving an emergency low-interest loan from the Public Works Trust Fund to help with financing the repairs.

Assistant City Engineer Leaf explained that the City's sewer utility fund has uncommitted funds

that could be used to finance the project, but added that use of the funds may mean a delay or reprioritization of some of the projects in the Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Plan. Director Grigsby said the recent sewer emergency was beneficial in that it identified a very serious situation that demands attention.

City Engineer Woodcock addressed the draft Comprehensive Sewer Plan. He briefly explained the organization of the plan. He said the plan addresses changes in the plan since 1995, conforms to the State Department of Ecology sewer planning requirements, updates the Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Plan and identifies two areas where future service might be provided through the use of membrane bio-reactor treatment plants. When asked about the next steps, Director Leedy said the plan will go through the Planning Commission process as an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Noble noted that the draft plan shows use designations assigned to the WSU Forest. Engineer Woodcock said this was done in error and would be corrected. He said that projected service impacts were not included in the plan. Councilmember King said the satellite treatment plants may give the City cause to rethink its strategy for service delivery to the County Urban Growth Area.

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2. Update: WiFi Project.

Information Technology Coordinator McEwen apologized for his unavailability to discuss this issue at the last Council workshop. He explained that the WiFi project has been in a holding pattern since September-October of last year when a determination was made that a more permanent installation of equipment than was anticipated was needed on the Ponderosa Water Tank. He said this work was almost completed when word was received that Vivato, the provider of the WiFi equipment, was going to close its doors and be sold. He added that the original reason for rejecting the proof of concept wasn't considered for rejection because the equipment didn't perform well, but because there is now a lack of manufacturing and maintenance support. He said that some firms are starting to provide maintenance support to the Vivato equipment. He described the service available from the currently installed equipment and said service in the covered areas is excellent and used by police officers. When asked about the amount of Drug Fund monies used in the project, IT Coordinator McEwen said that about half of the \$48,000 spent came from the Drug Fund. He said a decision needs to be made to either keep the equipment and contract with one of the new service providers, or return the equipment and face a 30% restocking fee of about \$12,000. He recommended keeping the uninstalled equipment for repair of the already installed equipment.

Councilmember Hamilton said he was originally sold on the project because it would provide broadband capability to police cars. He addressed other technologies now available to provide wireless services to police cars and advocated the use of licensed or restricted frequency bands to provide the service to police. Councilmember King said he believes it was fortuitous that the City chose to make this experiment in a limited way. He said the project has shown its value to the police department, but added there appears to be little support for pursuing a city-wide WiFi utility. Councilmember DeLeo said that the Rainier Communications Commission is holding a meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss municipal WiFi services and will have representatives in attendance to discuss the experience of the Valley Cities Regional Wireless Network. There was general consensus to have further discussion of the WiFi issue at the next workshop on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilmember Rackley moved that the Council take a five minute break. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

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3. **Action: AB06-17** – Motion Of The Bonney Lake City Council To Set A Public Hearing During The City Council Meeting Of February 14, 2006 At 7:00 P.M. Or As Soon Thereafter As Possible To Receive Input On A Proposed Increase In Park Impact Fees.

**Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to set the public hearing for February 14<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.**

Assistant Public Works Director Leaf explained that a memo will come in the Council meeting packet that explains the Park Board recommendation to increase the Parks Impact Fee to the already calculated maximum of \$2893. He said the Park Board is considering changes to the Park Comprehensive Plan that will undoubtedly justify another increase when the plan is approved by the Council. Councilmember Hamilton questioned the \$2893 figure. It was explained that the number was justified by the addition of the Moriarty property purchase to the plan.

Councilmember DeLeo asked why action is needed at this workshop to set the public hearing. He said the public does not expect action to be taken at workshop meetings. Councilmember King questioned how the public could comment at the public hearing when even the Council has not yet received the Park Board recommendations. Assistant Director Leaf said the recommendations are not new. He said the Park Board has consistently recommended adoption of the maximum justifiable fee. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he believes the public sentiment favors this fee increase. He said if the Council feels they've had insufficient public input, then the hearing can be continued. He added that there is concern over the revenue lost if consideration of this fee increase is delayed.

Councilmember Hamilton asked if the Master Builders Association had been given opportunity to comment on the proposed increase. Assistant Director Leaf said he has contacted them and provided a copy of the proposed ordinance.

**Motion approved 4 – 3. Councilmembers Bowen, DeLeo and King voted no.**

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4. Department Director Reports.

Police. Interim Chief McGehee reported that the citizen survey on the website has been fine-tuned to work properly. He added that a self-reporting form for incidents will soon be functional on the website as well. Interim Chief McGehee said the Department's 2005 Report will soon be delivered from the printer. He reported that the Department has received grant funds to replace some radar equipment.

Planning and Community Development. Director Leedy said that the City's current project list probably adequately updates the Council on the Department's current efforts. He reported that the Sheriff's Department proceeded with an eviction at 7605 Myers Road. He added that the tenants broke out the windows upon departing, but that the owner is already acting to secure the property. Director Leedy reported that the cleanup and restoration efforts behind Cedar View

Plaza continue. When asked to comment on the former City property at the corner of Locust and Bonney Lake Boulevard, Director Leedy said the Building Official is in contact with the owner and trying to encourage him to move forward. Also asked to report on the nuisance vehicle violations on 198<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Director Leedy responded that a resolution through the court is very close. He said that further options are being explored with Mr. Blake. Councilmember DeLeo said that the Public Safety Committee recently met with the Code Enforcement Officer. He provided notes of the meeting to City Attorney Dionne for review and comment.

Public Works. Director Grigsby referred to the memo distributed to Council at the beginning of the meeting. He reported that the sewer line break at Riverside Drive had been repaired. He recommended that a \$1 million low-interest loan received from the State be used for pre-construction work and right-of-way acquisition on the 192<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E. Corridor Project. He added that the project report will be presented to Council for discussion at the February 21<sup>st</sup> Council Workshop. He concluded by describing the paving improvements on 200<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ct. E.

Councilmember Noble asked if the corridor study will include options. Director Grigsby said that only one option will be recommended to the Council. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if there will be some sort of decision point for a possible 189<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. connection. Director Grigsby said the study will be presented at the workshop with a recommendation and then the Council can decide whether to move it forward as is to the next Council meeting for action, or recommend some modification to the recommended action. He added that the decision can be made now, or at the 30% design stage of the project.

Administrative Services. ASC Morrison reminded the City Council that the deadline for article submission for the Bonney Lake Reporter is at Noon this Thursday. He reported that he has spent some time with the facilitator for the Council retreat. He encouraged Councilmembers to respond to her E-mail questions about the approach to the retreat. ASC Morrison reported that a labor/management meeting will be held in the near future. He also reported that the revised budget is in process with a goal to provide the document to Council for discussion at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop.

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5. Council Open Discussion.

Councilmember Rackley's Absence. Councilmember Rackley informed the Council that he will be absent from the next Council meeting due to the replacement of his pacemaker on that day. He asked that the Council excuse him from the meeting he will miss.

PCRC Annual Meeting. Councilmember King advised the Council that the Pierce County Regional Council meeting is coming up. He urged the Council to RSVP their attendance. He said the report on the Vision 2020+20 plan will be interesting. He also mentioned that the Puget Sound Regional Council in March should be worth the Council's attendance.

City Hall Parking. Councilmember DeLeo stated that it has been nearly a year since the Council had a discussion with O&M Supervisor Shannon about increasing the amount of parking around City Hall. He asked how the Council might see some action on this issue. Mayor Johnson said it will be added to the City's project list.

Public Safety Committee Meeting. Councilmember DeLeo reported that the Deputy Fire Chief Wakefield will present the updated emergency management plan at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting.

Old Population Projection. Councilmember DeLeo observed that the 2000 Sewer Comp Plan population projection said that by 2007 the City of Bonney Lake, including its UGA, will have a population of 12,017.

Disposal of Illegal Signs. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if the City could dispose of the signs that are confiscated from the City's right-of-way. He noted that the City has often called the owners of the signs and allowed them to be picked up only to see them returned to the right-of-way.

Roadside Cleanup. Mayor Johnson informed the Council that City crews have been picking up trash along the roadways. Director Grigsby said he has sent out a schedule for the crews work.

Jefferson Award Nominees. Mayor Johnson asked the Council if they had any nominees for the Jefferson Award. None were offered in response to the question.

New Drug Logs at Stores. Councilmember DeLeo asked if the Police could review the drug logs now being kept at places that sell certain cold-remedy over-the-counter drugs. Interim Chief McGehee observed that the logs are kept manually. He offered to research the law and the logs possible use by the City's Police Department. Mayor Johnson said that according to State Representative Shabro computerization of the log might be possible someday with Federal funding.

Glass Recycling Bins. Councilmember King asked about the status of replacements for the glass recycling bins removed from the parking lot adjacent to the Grocery Outlet. Deputy Mayor Swatman said the bins pose a problem because there is always broken glass around the containers. Mayor Johnson said that he has a meeting with Murrey's this Friday and will ask them the question. He said they will also discuss service issues. Councilmember King asked if the Mayor would also discuss adding hazardous waste and electronics pickup to the annual spring cleanup. Councilmember DeLeo added that the City of Pacific does something similar.

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6. Review of Meeting Minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Mtg., Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Hall Mtg. and January 24<sup>th</sup> Council Mtg.

Councilmember Noble noted that the January 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop Minutes on Page 2 are missing a reference to a meeting. She said the reference was the Windermere meeting. She noted that in the Roll Call section that the motion to excuse Councilmember Hamilton did not include the Councilmember making the second.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said that the January 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes should reflect that it was not the Council's intent to have Sign Code changes placed on the Planning Commission's agenda, but to invite Mr. Rattenbury to present his proposed changes to them. He added that the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes should clarify that the first comment about too much growth was actually in reference to commercial growth.

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7. Update: SR410 – Old Sumner Buckley Highway/SR410 Intersection Project.

Director Grigsby said he met with the project designer, Transpo, on January 18<sup>th</sup>. He said that a project timeline for the 30% design was provided with the agenda packet. He added that by late April, the 30% design should be complete, which will allow the City to make some further decisions. He said the City will have to review projected project funding and determine whether to pursue full construction now, or spread the improvements out over a period of time.

Deputy Mayor Swatman suggested that the Council keep in mind the desirability of underground relocation of some of the utilities in the Downtown area. Director Grigsby replied that the cost to bury the major transmission lines is probably too costly. The City Council discussed other potential traffic-related impacts in the area associated with 182<sup>nd</sup>, 184<sup>th</sup> and Myers Road.

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8. Discussion: AB06-19 – Executive Reorganization.

Mayor Johnson said the main emphasis of this proposed reorganization is to improve service levels and place more emphasis on Parks and the Senior Center. Councilmember Rackley said he is largely pleased with the overview, but wants more time to look at the details. Mayor Johnson asked if the Council would like to discuss it more at the next Council workshop. Councilmember King said he felt there would be consensus on much of the proposals. He suggested more discussion at the Council retreat. He said the changes in salary levels may add a significant cost to the City. He said he was unclear regarding the proposal for the City Clerk and Administrative Services Area. He asked to see the full scope of duties and number of personnel needed and justifications for the proposed reorganization. He said he didn't anticipate it would require a great deal of time to discuss and again suggested the retreat as the appropriate forum. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if there will be more elements of the reorganization proposed at a later date. ASC Morrison replied that this is the majority of the plan, although there will be some additional adjustments later on.

City Attorney Dionne discussed with the City Council the impact of the Mayor's proposed reorganization and codification into the municipal code. He said the Mayor was surrendering some of his executive authority to organize the work and employees of the City by suggesting that the reorganization be done by ordinance. Mayor Johnson said the proposed ordinance is a demonstration of the willingness of the Mayor and Council to work together. City Attorney Dionne advised that the possibility of less genial relations between Council and Mayor in the future may make it difficult to adjust the structure to meet the City's changing needs. Councilmember Hamilton said he believes the Mayor is trying to diversify and bring expertise to the front and center of City government to serve the public. ASC Morrison added that he believes a natural part of a maturing City is the delineation of roles within the City. He said he believes the proposal will help the City move forward and work together better. Councilmember DeLeo said he likes the proposal because it empowers individuals to do their job and be accountable. He also pointed out some corrections needed in the names and spellings of employees on the accompanying organization chart.

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9. Discussion: Buxton Contract for Economic Development Analysis.

Administrative Services Coordinator Morrison said the services proposed by this consultant are somewhat unique, and that there are only a few people in the country who provide this type of study. He asked the Council to comment on the proposed scope of work and whether the City Council feels that the Staff should insist on the consultant conforming to the City's normal contract format. Councilmember Noble said she feels it is a great opportunity for the City to

move forward. She said it will be a great boost to economic development. ASC Morrison said the study may not have immediate impact on some businesses that already have long-range development plans. He said it may take some time for the City to be factored into their plans. Councilmember Rackley said that conversely smaller firms, rather than doing the market study themselves, may be willing to use the study data to justify location in the Bonney Lake market area. Councilmember Hamilton asked if the study data will help with housing in an area like the Downtown. Councilmember Johnson said the study will help identify the types of businesses that will be compatible for an urban lifestyle in the Downtown. He said the housing types will follow the types of business attracted. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the source of funding for the consultant. ASC Morrison said there was nearly \$50,000 available for economic development that was unexpended last year that has been carried over to this year. Councilmember Hamilton asked if a workshop presentation would be possible. There was general consensus to invite a representative to the next Council workshop.

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10. Discussion: AB06-21 – Cancellation of June 20, 2006 Council Workshop.

Mayor Johnson said this cancellation is in anticipation of the majority of the Council attending the AWC Annual Conference in Spokane.

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11. Executive Session: Under authority of RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), Mayor Johnson announced the City Council will meet for 30 minutes in executive session to discuss potential litigation. The executive session started at 8:55 p.m. The session concluded at 9:22 p.m.

12. Adjournment

**At 9:22 p.m., Councilmember Noble moved to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

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Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC  
City Clerk

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Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of February 7, 2005:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Public Works Department Current Events-February 7, 2006* – Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director.