Location: Bonney Lake Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

   A. Flag Salute: Mayor Johnson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

   B. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

       Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Interim Police Chief Dana Powers, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Attorney Jim Dionne, and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.

   C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:

       1. Announcements:

           Mayor Johnson reminded the Council of a fundraising event on Saturday, October 29th, called “Take the Plunge Against Domestic Violence,” at Allan Yorke Park. He encouraged everyone to participate or at least attend the event. He said Interim Chief Dana Powers challenged staff to participate as well. He said the City is also hosting a community blood drive on Wednesday, October 26th.

           2. Appointments: None.

           3. Presentations: None.

   D. Agenda Modifications: None.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

   A. Public Hearings: None.

   B. Citizen Comments:

       David Colbeth, 21816 113th St E, Bonney Lake, spoke as a representative of the Greater Bonney Lake Veteran’s Memorial Committee (GBLVMC). He said he also serves in the Lions Club and on the City Design Commission, and is a local business owner. He described the GBLVMC’s five-year history, including various ideas and plans for a
memorial in the City. He said the group now has 501(c)3 status and they would like to identify a site so they can finalize a design and to boost fundraising efforts. He said over the years the City and Committee have discussed various potential sites for a memorial, but nothing has been decided yet. The City suggested a small memorial could be installed on a triangular piece of property at the northwest corner of SR 410 and Main Street East, which is currently used as a stormwater retention pond. However, the pond has not yet been decommissioned. He said the GBLVMC has raised over $10,000 so far, and asked the Council to help them take the next steps. He suggested that even if it is too soon to install a memorial, the City could allow them to post a sign on the triangular parcel to let people know about the plans for a future memorial.

Public Works Director Grigsby said the stormwater pond on this site will be decommissioned as part of intersection improvements. He said at that time it would be slightly improved, which could be done with the planned memorial in mind. He said the intersection improvements should be completed by March 2013, but the schedule is dependent on the final design and construction timelines.

Mayor Johnson said he is not comfortable putting up a sign on this site until the City has an agreement with the Committee. Director Vodopich said freestanding signs are not allowed in the Downtown zone except for real estate signs. Councilmember Hamilton said the committee needs some permanency in knowing where the future site is so they can work on fundraising efforts, and the City could provide that. Mayor Johnson said Director Grigsby is the City's liaison for the GBLVMC, and once they have confirmed where they want the site to be located, the City can move forward with drafting an agreement.

Mr. Colbeth said the GBLVMC listed the parcel at Main Street and SR 410 on their list of preferred sites in August 2010. He said this parcel is their preferred location, but added that they are willing to be flexible on the location. He said even if the proposed intersection does not work out, they could still place a sign there to let people know about the project. Councilmember Decker suggested the subject be discussed at a future Workshop. Mayor Johnson said based on the information provided by Mr. Colbeth, staff can begin working on details and come back to the Council with a draft agreement.

Robin Wittenberg, 19103 77th St E, Bonney Lake, said she has been a Bonney Lake resident for almost 30 years, works as a nurse, and has many connections with those in military service. She is involved with the GBLVMC and said people in the community are committed to this project. She said the group has actually raised over $12,000 to date, and she has spoken with many residents who support the memorial project. She said she hopes Bonney Lake will join cities like Enumclaw & Buckley who have constructed memorials. She said the committee needs land to move forward, and will continue to come to the Council with designs and information.

George Brown, 8410 Locust Ave E and 18315 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E, said he owns a business on Sumner-Buckley Hwy and suggested the road name be changed in the past, since it has no connection with Bonney Lake. He said he knows others who oppose renaming the street, but he supports the name change. He said if nothing else, it would be helpful to have a shorter name, and he supports renaming it as a memorial drive.

C. Correspondence: None.
III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Swatman said the committee met at 5:30 p.m. earlier in the evening and discussed personnel updates, and forwarded a resolution to surplus property and a motion to set public hearings for ad valorem taxes to a Council Meeting. The committee reviewed its meeting notes, and discussed utility billing updates and plans to provide more past usage data on customer bills. They discussed potential uses of the Reed Property on Barkubein Rd, which will be discussed at a future Workshop. He said they also reviewed the City's financial models and said the administration is doing a good job to cut down on the amount of fund reserves needed in the current year's budget. He thanked staff and management for working hard to keep costs down.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Rackley said the committee met on October 18, 2011. Assistant Public Works Director Charlie Simpson provided a review of unaccounted for water, and possible changes to determine actual water loss. They also discussed grinder pump charges and intersection improvements near Bonney Lake High School on 200th Ave Ct E. He said the committee did not forward a resolution for speed calming devices. The committee forwarded Resolutions 2156, 2158, 2160, and 2162 to the current agenda for action.

C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Hamilton said the committee has not met since the last regular Council meeting.

D. Other Reports:

AWC 2011 Regional Meeting: Councilmember Hamilton attended the Association of Washington Cities regional meeting, which was hosted by AWC CEO Mike McCarty. He said AWC lobbyist Victoria Lincoln provided information and said cities can contact her with issues they want to see brought to the legislature. The group also discussed pending State budget cuts and resources for cities, and he received a summary of funds that would be in jeopardy that could affect Bonney Lake. He said the City's funds for justice and liquor sales may be cut. AWC provided more information on proposition 1-1183, related to liquor sales, and although they did not support or oppose the measure, they did note it is failing in recent polls.

Pierce County Regional Council: Councilmember Hamilton said he attended the Oct 20th PCRC meeting. He noted that Bonney Lake is the fifth highest contributor to the PCRC fund, although almost 50% of their funding comes from Pierce County. The meeting included review of a 'wish list' of transportation projects recently submitted by the Puget Sound Regional Council. He said several projects in Bonney Lake made this regional list, including the SR 410/Sumner-Buckley Intersection Improvement Project Phase II, which was ranked 16th of 63 total projects. Director Grigsby said this is an intersection reconstruction project that includes sidewalks from Meyers Road to the Wendy's restaurant along SR 410.

Families First Coalition: Councilmember Lewis attended the White River FFC meeting earlier in the month. The group asked for input from churches and ministries on services they can provide on the plateau, and especially asked for volunteers to provide transportation to residents, now that bus services have been cut. He said Lindquist Dentist offers free dental service for children, and are trying to expand and identify other dentists who will help provide free dental care. He noted that Molen Orthodontics is again holding a candy ‘buy-back’ event on Tuesday, November 1st from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
They will pay $2.00 per pound for up to 10 pounds of candy, and provide free samples and additional dollars for canned food donations and costumes. He said this is a great program, and all the food and candy donations go back out to charitable organizations.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:


B. Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers: Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62162 thru 62197 (Including Wire Transfer #s 20110912, 20111003, 20111004) in the amount of $456,800.84; Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62198 thru 62198 in the amount of $186.32; Accounts Payable Wire Transfer #20110916 in the amount of $38,402.86 Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62199 thru 62260 (Including Wire Transfer #s 10162011, 10172011) in the amount of $231,275.46; for a grand total of $726,665.48.

Corrections to 09/13/11: Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #61834 thru 61878 (Including Wire Transfer #s 7932127, 8082011) in the amount of $460,925.39. Should have been Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #61834 thru 61878 (Including Wire Transfer #s 7932127, 8082011, 20110815) in the amount of $460,925.39.

Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #61882 thru 61883 in the amount of $212.88. Should have been Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #61882 thru 61883 in the amount of $212.88.

C. Approval of Payroll: Payroll for October 1-15th 2011 for checks 30060-30082 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of $411,288.09

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda approved 7 – 0.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:


Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2156. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the process for sole-sourcing the vendor for this project. City Administrator Morrison said the Municipal Code provides for sole-source procurement, requiring the contractor to submit documentation and justification showing
why they are the only one who can provide the service. He said sole-sourcing is done once or twice per year, and he has reviewed and is satisfied with this item.

Resolution 2156 approved 7 – 0.


Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2158. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Councilmember Rackley said these items were unanimously forwarded by the Committee but he placed them under committee issues in case Councilmembers have questions. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked whether the City is using these devices currently. Public Works Director Grigsby said they used one on a trial basis and it worked very well.

Resolution 2158 approved 7 – 0.


Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2160. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Councilmember Carter said per the information the Council received, tanks should be cleaned every five years. She asked why this contract will clean tanks that have been cleaned earlier than 5 years. Councilmember Rackley noted that cleaning has not been done on a regular cycle in the past, but starting with this project the maintenance will occur on a schedule. Director Grigsby said two of the tanks were worked on more recently, including the Peaking tank, which was completed in 2007, and the Lakeridge tank, which was renovated three years ago. He said the AWA recommends tanks be cleaned every 5 years, and during a State inspection they found that one tank (Tacoma Point) had no records of an inspection in over 20 years.

Director Grigsby explained how the cleaning process works, and said this project will set a new baseline to ensure all tanks are cleaned every 5 years. Director Grigsby noted that while Ponderosa Tank was worked on in 2008, that project did not include a full inspection and cleaning. Councilmember Carter asked why all the tanks are being cleaned at the same time if some are not yet due to be cleaned. Director Grigsby said they want to address the State’s findings right away. He also noted that the item is included in the budget for 2011, but this budget line will be reduced in 2012. City Administrator Morrison added that staff have seen higher than normal leakage in the Peaking Tank, which is another reason it was included for inspection this year rather than waiting.

Councilmember Carter asked how the new water tank the City of Auburn is constructing will affect Bonney Lake water services. Director Grigsby said the two water systems are totally separate and it will not affect Bonney Lake’s service or water supply.
Director Grigsby said the funds for the proposed inspections come from the Water Operations and Management budget. Councilmember Hamilton asked whether it is less expensive to mobilize and inspect all the tanks at one time, rather than stagger the inspections. Director Grigsby said since 4 of the 5 tanks were identified by the State as needing inspection, they decided to have all the tanks inspected and create a baseline, and it could be less expensive than having to mobilize for multiple cleanings.

Councilmember Lewis noted that the agenda bill attached to this item has an error in the budget considerations (p. 7).

Director Grigsby confirmed for Councilmember Decker that the cleaning project will improve water quality. Councilmember Decker asked whether the City tests for certain cold water parasites that have been found in Lake Tapps and other water sources. Director Grigsby said he will check and provide the Council with details on the specific tests that are done to test water quality.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked why this project went out to bid rather than using the State contract. Director Grigsby said he was not sure whether staff reviewed the State contract pricing. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the value of the Tacoma Point and Peaking Storage tanks. Director Grigsby noted the Tacoma Point tank needs to be replaced for seismic reasons. He added that the Peaking Storage Tank is used every summer for several weeks, and without this tank the City would have to buy water from Tacoma Public Utilities, which is more expensive than maintaining the Peaking Tank.

Resolution 2160 approved 4 - 1 - 2. Councilmember Decker abstained. Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmember Carter voted no.

Councilmember Decker said he abstained from voting because he does not feel the City needs to spend this money all at once, and should stagger the cleaning project instead.

D. AB11-127 – Resolution 2162 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing A Contract With Shea, Carr & Jewel Inc For The Design Effort Of The Main Street And SR410 Intersection Improvements And The Pedestrian Pathway From Main Street To 192nd Avenue.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2162. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Director Grigsby said he and City Engineer John Woodcock continued negotiations on the contract pricing, after reviewing the projected costs and concerns from Councilmembers that the project costs were too high. He said earlier in the day the consultant called and offered to reduce the project cost by 5%, to $326,464 total. He said he spoke with the consultants on the phone and has two email confirmations to this effect.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said this is a fantastic project that will design sidewalks from Main Street to the Target / Junction 192 area, helping the City provide sidewalks all the way through the City. Director Grigsby said a large portion of the project is being designed from scratch, and they will begin the design starting at Main Street and moving east down SR 410. The design will at least include frontage to the west end of the bridge; if funding is available the design will continue across the bridge to 192nd Av E. He said
once the 30% design is complete, the Council may review whether to stop there, or to allocate additional funds and continue with the full design.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said design plans are an important factor in requesting grant funds. He said the scope of work for this project provides great details for citizens to see exactly what work is being done. Director Grigsby said the City had good experiences with Shea, Carr & Jewel on past projects.

Resolution 2162 approved 7 – 0.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES: None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), the Council adjourned to a closed meeting at 8:10 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations. The Council returned to chambers at 8:40 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:40 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 7 – 0.

Neil Johnson, Jr.  
Mayor

Items submitted to the Council at the October 25, 2011 Meeting: None.