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 Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember Jim Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

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: None.

2. Appointments:

Judge Heslop administered the Oath of Office for the new and returning Councilmembers.

Mayor Johnson recessed the Meeting at 7:06 p.m. for 15 minutes for a short reception for the Councilmembers and their families.

The meeting returned to order at 7:19 p.m.

3. Presentations: None.

D. Agenda Modifications: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Public Hearings: None.
B. Citizen Comments:

Dan Decker, 20401 70th St E, Bonney Lake, congratulated the new councilmembers. He said the Council should rethink renaming Sumner-Buckley Hwy inside City limits, and noted that the County and Buckley are not going to change the road name. He said the Council and City staff should be aware of the Hatch Act.

David Colbeth, 21816 113th St E, thanked the Council and Mayor for welcoming his family to the Council meeting earlier. He said he looks forward to the Council’s approval of the memorandum of understanding with the Greater Bonney Lake Veterans Memorial Committee. He also congratulated and welcomed the new councilmembers.

Lora Butterfield, Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce 1572 58th St Ct E, Sumner, spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She congratulated the new councilmembers and thanked the Council for their work with the Chamber. She said Councilmember Hamilton plans to attend their upcoming meeting to discuss the Orton Junction proposal with Chamber members. She said the Chamber’s awards banquet is coming up and encouraged the submittal of nominations online at www.BonneyLake.com.

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, including the resignation of Assistant Planner Dan Buhl. The committee reviewed its minutes and the proposed extension of the City Administrator’s employment agreement. The committee discussed options to provide more information to all Councilmembers on City finances, and in the future all Councilmembers will receive the complete Vouchers listings in PDF format prior to the Voucher Review and Finance Committee meetings, for their information. He confirmed that the materials should be considered as drafts until the Finance Committee has completed its review. He said the Finance Committee also discussed electronic billing options for utility billing.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said staff are working to schedule a time for Dr. Elliott Eisenberg, Senior Economist with the National Association of Home Builders, to speak to the Council, tentatively on February 14th at 6:00 p.m. He said Dr. Eisenberg will provide his analysis of the economic impact of housing in Bonney Lake, Tacoma, and Pierce County. Councilmembers will have the opportunity to ask questions about the City’s building fee structure and other issues.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember McKibbin said the committee met on January 9th and the only item of business was the election of officers.

C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Hamilton said the committee met on January 9th and elected its officers. He said he continues as chair on the committee, but would like to allow other committee members to chair meetings and take his place at Finance Committee meetings from time to time. He said the committee also discussed fireworks complaints from New Years Eve, and will likely discuss fireworks at an upcoming meeting. He encouraged interested citizens to come and speak to the committee.
Mayor Johnson said he heard very large fireworks from his house and suspected that some of them were illegal. He asked whether there is a police task force to stop illegal fireworks. Interim Police Chief Powers said the ATF has a task force that normally operates around Independence Day only. She said the Bonney Lake Police Department would have to look at the city’s code and options to increase enforcement.

D. Other Reports:

Pierce Transit Boundary Review Board: Councilmember Hamilton said he attended the Pierce Transit Boundary Review Board meeting on December 16th in place of Mayor Johnson. The group discussed which areas wanted to remain in the transit benefit area and which wanted to be drawn out of the area. Pierce Transit presented a map of proposed service area reductions, which was similar to the election results for the recent transit tax proposal. He said the City of Dupont asked to be drawn out of the taxing area. He said the Board will meet again on January 20th at 9:00 a.m. in Lakewood and continue the process. He said if the boundaries are redrawn, some cities would no longer be in a transit district.

Mayor Johnson said Pierce Transit is pushing this process to move forward on a fast track. He said he has heard that the City of Sumner may also ask to be drawn out of the transit area. He said his main concern is that the cities of Sumner and Bonney Lake can keep Route 496 between the Sumner Sounder Station and the Bonney Lake Park & Ride. He said this is a Sound Transit route, but the operations are contracted to Pierce Transit. He said Pierce Transit may lose more tax than it expects if additional cities request to be taken out of the benefit area. Mayor Johnson thanked Councilmember Hamilton for attending the meeting.

Community Updates: Councilmember Lewis said he attended the Sumner-Bonney Lake Communities for Families meeting on January 5th. Tim Tallon from the Sumner Food Bank gave a presentation about their service levels. He said a record number of families were served last year and they anticipate a 12% increase during 2012. Councilmember Lewis said the CFF Community Summit will be on March 15th at Calvary Community Church. He said the group also heard a presentation on drug free communities.

Councilmember Lewis said Bonney Lake High School SADD is holding a potluck dinner on January 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Prairie Ridge Recreation Center. Bonney Lake High School is presenting the musical ‘Annie’ on March 9th through March 11th, and 20% of all proceeds will go to the Sumner and Bonney Lake food banks. Councilmember Lewis said the CFF group also discussed the ‘Beyond the Borders’ transportation program, which coordinates a network of volunteers and churches to provides rides for the elderly to medical appointments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:


B. Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers: Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62526 thru 62631 (Including Wire Transfer #’s 11112011, 12052011) in the amount of $786,443.66; Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62632 in the amount of $680.19 for a Utility refund; Accounts Payable wire transfer #20111117 in
the amount of $25,739.46, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62633 thru 62683 (including wire transfer #8514490) in the amount of $475,603.09, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62684 for a Utility refund, Accounts Payable wire transfer #20111216 in the amount of $19,357.93, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62685 thru 62714 (including wire transfer #20111215) in the amount of $261,044.63, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62715 in the amount of $132.00 for an accounts receivable deposit refund, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62716 thru 62736 in the amount of $261,044.63, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62716 for a Utility refund, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62737 in the amount of $278.22 for a Utility overpayment refund, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62738 thru 62753 in the amount of $28,326.24, Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62754 thru 62755 for Accounts Receivable deposit refunds in the amount of $10,710.06 for a grand total of $1,611,931.08.

VOIDED CHECKS:
60745 – Lost or misplaced, still outstanding. Replaced with check number 62588.
61915 – Lost or misplaced, still outstanding. Replaced with check number 62661.
62628 – Written for wrong amount. Replace with check number 62714.
61977 – Duplicate payment.

C. Approval of Payroll: Payroll for December 1–15th, 2011 for checks 30165-30189 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of $403,900.95. Payroll for December 16th-31st for checks 30190-30215 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of $645,005.11.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda approved 7 – 0.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:


Councilmember Lewis moved to approve Resolution 2176. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Councilmember Rackley said the item was previously discussed at the January 3rd Council Workshop.

Resolution 2176 approved 7 – 0.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:
A. **AB12-05** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing the Mayor To Sign A Non-Binding Memorandum Of Understanding With The Greater Bonney Lake Veterans Memorial Committee For The Construction Of A Veterans Memorial.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve motion AB12-05. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said this has been in discussion for some time, and he is glad it has come forward. He said he hopes GBLVMC President David Colbeth and Public Works Director Dan Grigsby will continue working together on this project. Councilmember Hamilton thanked the Mayor and staff for their work on this project, which moves the City closer to having a full-fledged memorial.

Motion AB12-05 approved 7 – 0.

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), the Council adjourned to a Closed Session with the City Attorney at 7:48 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss labor negotiations. The Council returned to chambers at 8:19 p.m. No action was taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:19 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 7 – 0.

[Signatures]

Harwood Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the January 10, 2012 Meeting: None.