I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Jim Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis was absent.

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to excuse Councilmember Minton-Davis from the Meeting. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

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: None.

3. Presentations:


      Mayor Johnson said a City employee recommended that the City recognize Ms. Kirkpatrick for her efforts to pick up garbage on her daily walks along the streets of her neighborhood. Mayor Johnson presented the certificate to Ms. Kirkpatrick and thanked her for selflessness. Ms. Kirkpatrick said she didn’t expect to be recognized and thanked the Council and Mayor.


      Mayor Johnson read the proclamation aloud, proclaiming May 2012 as Building Safety Month in the City and encouraging residents to take part.

Mayor Johnson read the proclamation aloud, proclaiming May 5, 2012 as Paint the Town Purple Day in Bonney Lake. He said this year’s Relay for Life annual event will be held at Bonney Lake High School.

d. Presentation: Planning Commission recommendations:


Planning Commission Chair Grant Sulham said the ordinance started as a staff initiative to improve the permitting process. He said the proposed ordinance includes proposals to change fees in BLMC Chapter 3.68.010. Director Vodopich said the ordinance codifies the procedures actually in place currently. He said that the Community Development Department hired a Civil Review Engineer in 2011 who now manages civil permits.


Planning Commission Chair Sulham said this proposed ordinance originated from a request by Deputy Mayor Swatman. He said the commission used the model lighting ordinance the Deputy Mayor received to craft the proposed ordinance. The commission removed standards for residential homes so the proposed ordinance only applies to commercial properties. They felt that very bright lighting would be covered under the existing nuisance ordinance. The proposal also imposes a curfew when lighting levels should be reduced.

Director Vodopich said property owners would not necessarily have to replace lighting fixtures to meet the proposed standards. He said they can replace bulbs, redirect lights, and reduce glare. Councilmember Hamilton expressed concern that the proposed ordinance will add costs to local businesses, and asked whether other cities have adopted this type of ordinance. Deputy Mayor Swatman said the changes do not need to be costly, as it is more a matter of the direction and level of the lighting used. He said the Council could discuss the proposed ordinance at a workshop.

D. Agenda Modifications: None.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Public Hearings: None.

B. Citizen Comments:

Shawn Hoey, Master Builders Association of Pierce County, thanked the Council for their work on proposed Ordinance D12-45 related to traffic impact fees. He said the MBA appreciates the thought put into the ordinance, and for the amendment to sunset the ordinance on a specific date instead of after a certain number of permits.

Scott Haas, 4303 Reed Drive, Gig Harbor, said he is a builder and was invited by another developer to speak to the Council. He said he has worked on homes in Bonney Lake in the past, and his group recently purchased the Haymond/Church Lake long plat. He said
Bonney Lake is known in the building community as one of the worst in the Seattle metro area due to high costs. He said any measure that addresses costs is good for builders, as the market is still struggling and will be for some time.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Haas if it is helpful to delay payment of impact fees until the certificate of occupancy. Mr. Haas said it would help, since he has to get financing for all the up-front costs. He said banks have been very difficult to work with and many builders are working directly with investors instead of the banks. Deputy Mayor Swatman said other cities have offered to defer fee payments but few developers have taken advantage of them. Mr. Haas said he would certainly take such an offer.

Mr. Haas said he primarily gets his information through word of mouth from other developers, not from the MBA. He commented that the programs the City is working on will help improve Bonney Lake’s reputation with builders.

Dan Decker, 20401 70th St E, Bonney Lake, said he searched for information from the April 10th Meeting online and did not see any reference to citizen comments in the information posted online, though he knows people spoke at this meeting.

Mr. Decker said in the past he spoke to the Council about the need for a deaf child sign in his neighborhood, but the City will not install one. He said if it is true that no one pays attention to signs, all the signs in the City should be removed. Councilmember Hamilton said the Public Safety Committee discussed the request initially, and as he recalls another sign could not be added because there were already several signs posted in that area. Mayor Johnson said he would get more information from staff as well.

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, reviewed a Conservation Open Space Conservation Grant proposal, and discussed sales tax for amusement and recreation activities, including the boat launch. The committee also reviewed water and sewer rate options, with discussions to continue at the upcoming Council Workshop.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember McKibbin said the committee met on April 17th and forwarded three items to the current Consent Agenda.

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

D. Other Reports:

Pierce County Regional Council: Councilmember Lewis said he attended the PCRC Meeting on April 19th in Tacoma. The group discussed local centers of activity, which cities need to include in their Comprehensive Plans by June 2015 to be part of the program. He said the cities of Buckley and Wilkeson plan to create local ‘nodes’, and Bonney Lake could create its own ‘node’ for Downtown or Fennel Creek, for example.
Families First Coalition: Councilmember Watson said he and Councilmember Lewis attended the White River Families First Coalition meeting on April 23rd. They heard a great program on drug and alcohol use prevention.

Boat Launch: Mayor Johnson said the boat launch bollards at Allan Yorke Park went into service the weekend of April 21st, and took in about $1,000 over the first weekend.

Stormwater Fees: Mayor Johnson said the process for the stormwater rate appeal made by property owner Joel Clark is still ongoing. He said the City Attorney's office is reviewing the issues before a final decision is made.

Transit: Mayor Johnson said the Sound Transit Board is considering taking over the route between the cities of Sumner and Bonney Lake (currently Pierce Transit Route 496). He said Sumner Mayor Dave Enslow and Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy are on the Sound Transit Board and pushing for this item to move forward, and he is optimistic that it will be approved.

Newspaper Flyers: Director Vodopich said Grant Wiens from the City's Attorney Office contacted the News Tribune about the 'Yes' advertising circulars. Mr. Wiens received an immediate reply from the circulation department and a direct phone number for people to call if they are having issues with delivery of flyers after requesting they be stopped. Mayor Johnson said it is clear the newspaper wants to take care of this issue.

Tehaleh: Mayor Johnson said he recently met with Jim Newberg from Tehaleh (previously Cascadia). He said they are signing up six builders, and the first homes could be available by August 2012. They discussed various issues including manufacturing and transportation. Mayor Johnson said the fees per home for Tehaleh are only slightly lower than in Bonney Lake. He said Mr. Newberg spoke in favor of allowing developers to delay fee payments until the certificate of occupancy, but that cities should be flexible with builders as things change depending on the economy and project. Mr. Newberg also told Mayor Johnson they plan to host a grand opening celebration soon.

Parks Summit: Mayor Johnson invited all to attend the Parks Summit on Monday, May 7th in the Justice Center Chambers at 6:00 p.m. He said the event will include a presentation and discussion of options for parks and recreation, a park bond, metropolitan park district, and more. He said the City wants to get input from citizens and groups on what they feel is most important for the City.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes: March 27, 2012 Meeting.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers: Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #63227-63387 (includes wire #20120403) in the amount of $297,520.32. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #63388-63424 includes wire #38156827) in the amount of $263,177.26. Account Payable check/voucher wire #20120417 in the amount of $23,610.43.

C. Approval of Payroll: Payroll for April 1-15th 2012 for checks 30408-30432 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of $416,476.86.
D. **AB12-39 – Resolution 2196** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Surplus Property In Accordance With The Provisions Outlined In BLMC 2.70.100.


F. **AB12-51 – Resolution 2201** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Approve The Contract With Jennings Northwest LLC For Construction Of The 97th St E Sidewalks Improvements Project.


H. **AB12-63 – A Motion Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending The Bonney Lake Planning Commission Workplan.**

   Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

   Consent Agenda approved 6 – 0.

V. **FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

VI. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:** None.

VII. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES:** None.

VIII. **FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:**

A. **AB12-44 – Ordinance 1423 [D12-44]** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.12 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code, Section One Of Ordinance No. 1395, Section Three Of Ordinance No. 1333, And Section Five Of Ordinance No. 571c, Relating To Non-Residential Sewer System Development Charges And Tenant Improvements.

   Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 1423. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

   Mayor Johnson said the Council discussed this item in length at the previous Workshop. He said the proposal will benefit local businesses.

   Ordinance 1423 approved 6 – 0.

Lake Municipal Code And Ordinance Nos. 984, 1282, 1316, And 1318 Relating To Traffic Impact Fees.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 1424. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

Deputy Mayor Swatman said this is a significant reduction in fees for single-family homes. He said the Council recognizes the need in the building community, and the past meeting minutes will show discussions on both sides of the issue. He said the Mayor and Council agree that there is more work to be done, and this is not the last Council action on these issues. Councilmember Hamilton said he opposes the ordinance because it takes money from one fund and gives it to another, and impacts existing property owners.

Ordinance 1424 approved 5 – 1.
Councilmember Hamilton voted no.


**Councilmember Lewis moved to approve Ordinance 1425. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

Director Grigsby said the proposed ordinance changes the administrative fee for latecomers agreements from 10% to 5%, and bases the fee on actual construction cost instead of total project costs. Deputy Mayor Swatman said this ordinance will help make projects more viable during difficult economic times, and the Council may need to review and revise the code again in the future as the economy changes.

Ordinance 1425 approved 5 – 1.
Councilmember McKibbin voted no.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:01 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 6 – 0.

Items presented to Council at the April 24, 2012 Meeting: None.