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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 7:03 p.m.

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

B. Roll Call: Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis 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, Assistant City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis, and Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron.

C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:

1. Announcements:

      Mayor Johnson read the proclamation aloud and urged all to participate in the Community Planning Month. He presented the proclamation to Community Development Director Vodopich. Mayor Johnson thanked the Planning Commission and those who volunteer their time toward planning needs.

2. Appointments: None.

3. Presentations: None.

D. Agenda Modifications: None

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Public Hearings: None.

B. Citizen Comments: Winona Jacobsen, 9100 189th Avenue Court E, Bonney Lake, spoke on behalf of the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society (GBLHS) and thanked the City for supporting and letting them occupy unused space in the Justice Center so they can inventory and catalog the Milotte collection. She also thanks the City for their assistance with the grant opportunity from Pierce County, which could allow GBLHS to receive up to $200,000. Mrs. Jacobsen advised that it could take GBLHS years to complete their
work, and, it will require a secure and heated facility. She reminded Council of GBLHS’ participation in Bonney Lake Days and many other City events. GBLHS understands that the City will fully be occupying the Justice Center at the beginning of the year strictly for City business. GBLHS needs to find another location to complete their project on the Milotte collection and is hopeful that the City will be able to assist them in finding them a location, which can be open to the public by September 2013. Mayor Johnson said he is already working with the Planning Commission to find space for the GBLHS through the summer of 2013. Councilmember Hamilton advised that the Pierce County Historical Preservation Commission informed Pierce County that the Commission supports the work GBLHS is doing and the Commission has voted unanimously to delegate $5,000 toward the grant for the GBLHS. He said the Commission recognizes the value of the GBLHS work on the Milotte collection. Councilmember Rackley said he has had the opportunity to view the GBLHS in their work on the Milotte collection and they are doing an amazing job and he would like to see the City assist them. Mayor Johnson said the City is going to do everything possible to find a location for them once the tenant improvement projects begin at the Justice Center.

Lillian McGinnis, 11002 203rd Avenue E, Bonney Lake, read a letter prepared and signed by the GBLHS President, Dennis Dhaese, asking for the City’s support in finding an alternate location for the GBLHS to continue its work on the Milotte collection. Mrs. McGinnis then read her own letter to Council which also requested the City support GBLHS in finding an alternative location to continue their work on the Milotte collection. She said that to qualify for the grant from Pierce County, GBLHS has until September 1, 2013 to complete 1,000 volunteer hours toward inventorying and organizing the Milotte collection. She was grateful to hear that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is willing to assist in finding a secured and heated facility, which can eventually be open to the public as an alternative location to complete their project.

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 for the Senior Planner and Accounting Specialist I open positions. He advised that reference checks are occurring regarding the top candidate for the Senior Planner position, and interviews are being conducted tomorrow for the Accounting Specialist II. The committee reviewed a proposed ordinance for the retention of Civil Service status for police personnel promoted which will be moved forward to workshop; they reviewed an amendment to the employment agreement for Community Development Director John Vodopich; they reviewed prior minutes; looked at a preliminary certification of assessed values and limit factors; and discussed a proposal for Eastown for the City to charge a surcharge for a specialized district for putting a sewer facility in Eastown. The Committee asked Administration to get a model together for Council’s review regarding the rates for a surcharge for a specialized district.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember McKibbin said the committee met on September 18, 2012 and forwarded one item on the current Consent Agenda.
C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Hamilton said the Committee met on September 17th and is going to be making a recommendation to the full Council to not hire or provide for lifeguards at Allan Yorke Park. The Committee had discussion with the public, did substantial research, and sought legal advice. He said the Committee did not want to give the public a false sense of security by having lifeguards on duty, as having a lifeguard on duty does not greatly increase the security at an open water pool like Allan Yorke Park. He said the Committee’s recommendation may change in the future, however, the Committee does not see a reasonable reason to do provide lifeguards now and worries that it might increase the issues of drowning by having a lifeguard on duty. Councilmember Lewis wanted to state for the record that it was a unanimous decision by the Committee. Mayor Johnson advised he will support the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation, and appreciates all of the Committee’s hard work.

D. Other Reports:

Community Reports: Councilmember Watson said he and Councilmember Lewis attended the White River Communities Families First Coalition on September 24th and heard a presentation from Herb Ents regarding his work in obtaining a grant for substance abuse prevention in the White River area. The grant would provide for up to $180,000 a year for the next five years if Mr. Ents is successful in receiving the grant. He said Jenny Nicholas from Big Brothers and Big Sisters spoke about a program which would create a mentoring program in the White River area, to be held once a month. He said the White River Community Family Coalition is also looking at a bicycle lending program as they have transportation issues in the area, otherwise if they can afford to they may be looking at giving bikes away. Councilmember Watson said he will follow up with the Coalition to see its success with these programs and consider on bringing similar programs to Bonney Lake. Councilmember Watson said Molen Orthodontics will be doing their annual candy buyback for Halloween.

Transportation Funding: Councilmember Hamilton said, Pierce County Councilmember Roger Bush brought to his attention the fairness factor of the distribution of federal fund contributions for transportation amongst local cities. He said some cities have never collected any federal dollars for transportation in the past ten years. He said next year’s report will show a small portion of what the City of Bonney Lake has received. He discussed examples of projects which could benefit if they received their contributions. He said he wants to talk with other small city mayors to make them aware of their distribution rights. He said the Port of Tacoma should have to be more accountable for their federal contribution distributions and not dominate the federal monies. Mayor Johnson said he would like to bring this to the local cities and towns meeting and have them work together to make this happen. He also suggested sending letters to our senators and congressman for their assistance.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes: September 4, 2012 Workshop and September 11, 2012 Meeting.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers: Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #64510-64574 (including wire transfer #9112012, 20120904, and 2012091301) in the amount of $544,879.02. Accounts Payable wire transfer #2012091701 in the amount of $36,703.11.
C. Approval of Payroll: Payroll for September 1-15th, 2012 for checks 30685-30706 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of $437,933.02.


E. AB12-130 – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Accept As Complete The Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation-2011/12 Project With NWCW, LLC.

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

Consent Agenda approved 7 – 0.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES: None.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES: None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 7 – 0.

Items presented to Council at the September 25, 2012 Meeting: