CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2014
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember Jim Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Randy McKibbin was absent.

Councilmember Rackley moved to excuse Councilmember McKibbin’s absence. 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, Assistant Police Chief Kurt Alfano, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, and Records & Information Specialist Susan Haigh.

C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations:

1. Announcements: None.

2. Appointments:

   a. AB14-19 – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Ratifying The Mayor’s Re-Appointment Of Planning Commissioners David Baus And Brad Doll, And Design Commissioners Debbie Strous-Boyd And Jamie Bendon, All With Terms Expiring April 6, 2017.

   Councilmember Rackley moved to approve the re-appointments per motion AB14-19. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

   Motion AB14-19 approved 6 – 0.

3. Presentations: None.

D. Agenda Modifications: None.
II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Public Hearings: None.

B. Citizen Comments:

Lillian McGinnis, 11002 203rd Ave E, Julie Bown, 18403 106th St E, and Tom Watson, 6809 183rd Ave E, Bonney Lake, spoke on behalf of Beautify Bonney Lake (BBL). They presented the City with a plaque and carved wooden map of the Mid-Town Park area, in recognition of the City’s premier sponsorship of BBL in 2013 and for its support since the organization was founded 10 years ago. Ms. McGinnis introduced Julie Bown, who is the 2014 BBL Chairman of the Board. Ms. McGinnis noted that Mayor Johnson serves on the advisory board, whose meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Justice & Municipal Center.

C. Correspondence: None.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Finance Committee met as the Committee of the Whole at 5:30 p.m. earlier in the evening. They reviewed proposed changes to the water and sewer service municipal code (with no rate increases), reviewed a proposal to write off accounts receivable debts, and discussed small item purchases.

B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Lewis said the Committee met on February 4, 2014 and forwarded items AB14-03, AB14-24, and AB14-25 to the current agenda. He noted that staff anticipate half the cost for AB 14-24 to be covered by a future Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant.

C. Economic Development Committee: Councilmember Minton-Davis said the Committee met earlier in the afternoon. The Committee heard a report from Associate Planner Ryan Harriman on the Park Place multifamily development; a business license report; and information from Permit Coordinator Jen Francis on options to do plan reviews electronically.

D. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Watson said the committee met on February 3, 2014, and forwarded proposed Ordinance D14-20 to reduce speed limits on SR410; heard a report from Police Chief Dana Powers on the DUI emphasis patrols; and a review of case law from Prosecutor Maili Barber.

E. Other Reports: None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

Deputy Mayor Swatman requested that Consent Agenda item D., AB14-20, be moved to Full Council Issues, Item C.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers: Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #67943-67974 (including wire transfer #’s 20140115) in the amount of $364,305.43. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #67975-68008 in the amount of $669,732.67. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #68009-68019 in the amount of $12,392.73 for Accounts Receivable deposit refunds. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #68020 in the amount of $1,118.21 for utility refunds. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #68021 in the amount of $239.66. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #68022-68039 (including wire transfer #’s 2013123101) in the amount of $71,489.88. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #68040-68065 in the amount of $29,820.95. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #68066-68070 in the amount of $10,634.08 for Accounts Receivable deposit refunds. Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #68071 in the amount of $234.30 for Accounts Receivable deposit refunds. Accounts Payable wire transfer #2014021701 for P-Cards in the amount of $18,990.77. VOIDS: Check #68043 – replaced with check #68072.


E. AB14-03 – Resolution 2352 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign Interlocal Agreement With Pierce County Flood Control Zone District For An Opportunity Fund For Flood Control Improvements.


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

Consent Agenda approved as amended 6 – 0.
V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

IX. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:


Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance 1476 [D14-17].
Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson noted that this item has been discussed previously in committee and the full Council at Workshop. Councilmember Rackley said he plans to vote against the proposed ordinance, as it will be too expensive. City Administrator Morrison noted that one change was made based on Council input at Workshop. Councilmember Hamilton confirmed that the Finance Department will contact the customer who previously came to the Council about his water leak appeal.

Ordinance 1476 approved 4 – 2.
Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmember Rackley voted no.


Councilmember Watson moved to approve Resolution 2356. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said he is eager to start the commission and hopes many people will apply to serve. He said he is working with the school districts to identify students who could serve on the committee. He said the City will form an ad-hoc committee to review the applications and recommend appointments.

Councilmember Watson moved to table Resolution 2356; there was no second. He said he has received more information and feels the name of the proposed commission should include ‘cultural resources’ or ‘heritage’.

Councilmember Hamilton noted that the proposed commission has a different title than what is detailed in the Cultural and Heritage Element of the Comprehensive Plan. He said he was originally hesitant about the proposed Commission, but now feels it makes sense to have an arts-focused commission. He said an arts, heritage and culture commission...
would be too broad. He said the City has an active Historical Society, but no group focusing on the arts. He said in the future, the City could form a separate commission to focus on history and heritage. Mayor Johnson said the name and nature of the commission can be changed over time if necessary.

Councilmembers discussed the proposed name and focus of the Advisory Commission. Councilmembers generally spoke in support of creating the new commission. Councilmember Lewis noted the ‘arts’ encompass a wide range of topics and art forms (music, art, movies, theater, etc.). Deputy Mayor Swatman suggested that an Arts commission will encompass culture and heritage. Councilmember Watson said he still has concerns about the title and worries it will not attract as wide a group of applicants to participate. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she does not want to muddle the group’s focus with too many elements and supported the Commission as proposed.

The Mayor noted that a member of the audience wished to address the Council, but the Council’s revised rules state that public comments must be taken during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Hamilton moved to suspend the Council rules to allow public comment on Resolution 2356 for three minutes. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

Winona Jacobsen, 9100 189th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, provided a history of the Comprehensive Plan Element. She said she requested a ‘historic preservation’ element in line with the Growth Management Act six years ago. Although it was delayed, staff provided and the Planning Commission eventually recommended the “Culture and Heritage Element”, which the Council approved in 2011. She said the proposed Arts Advisory Commission covers only half of the Comprehensive Plan element, and though she does not oppose the creation of an arts commission she feels the commission should include heritage and history as well.

Councilmembers continued discussion about the focus of the proposed advisory commission and the various interests of potential commissioners. Councilmember Rackley called for the vote.

Resolution 2356 approved 5 – 1.
Councilmember Watson voted no.


Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 1475 [D14-20]. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said this item went through the Public Safety Committee but not the full Council, and asked for more information. Councilmember Watson explained that the City originally was concerned that it could not install lower lane divider berms with a
45 miles per hour (MPH) speed limit. Public Works Director Grigsby said the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) performed a speed study and reported that the recommended speed limit for SR410 between 214th Ave E and the western city limits is 40 MPH. He said the Police Department, State Patrol, and WSDOT have all agreed with the concept.

Deputy Mayor Swatman spoke against lowering the speed limit. He said it is not necessary, and the City can still install lower barriers with a 45 MPH speed limit. He pointed out other roads in the area that have low or no barriers for 4 to 6 lanes of traffic and a 45 MPH or higher speed limit. He said he does not want to impede traffic.

Councilmembers Watson and Lewis spoke in favor of the proposed change, which they said will prevent accidents and make the City safer for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists. Councilmember Watson said the City can install barriers and berms that are more attractive, as well. Public Works Director said the berms can be either size in a 45 MPH zone, and the main cost at this time would be replacing the speed limit signs. He said the original purpose in reducing the speed limit was about the berms, but after the traffic study was performed, safety became a more pressing concern.

Ordinance 1475 [D14-20] approved 5 – 1. Deputy Mayor Swatman voted no.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 6 – 0.

Items presented to Council at the February 11, 2014 Meeting:
- Dan Grigsby, City of Bonney Lake – SR410 Speed Study Map.

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