



Bonney Lake Town Hall

On February 28, 1949, the Town of Bonney Lake was incorporated by a total of 47 voting against incorporation and 62 voting in favor of the measure. It was the only way, at the time, for citizens to be able to approve a revenue bond for the purpose of installing a public water system. The driving force behind incorporation was Kenneth H. Simmons, State Legislator, who was elected Mayor of the new town. The first city council was composed of Robert Wheeler, Thurlow Maddox, Alva Simmnitt, E.M. Hiles, and Clarence Roberts, with Chet Roberts elected as city treasurer.

Within a year, Washington's newest town had its own water system, new roads, expanded the electric lines and telephone service, and provided refuse disposal. The infrastructure was in place for future growth, but it would be several decades before the Town of Bonney Lake would change from a rural, recreation community to a vibrant urban City of Bonney Lake.



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