

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 25, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

City of



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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A. Flag Salute – Deputy Mayor Swatman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call: [A 1.3]

City Clerk Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, elected officials attending were Councilmember David Bowen, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Dave King and Councilmember Jim Rackley. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, City Attorney Jim Dionne, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.]

C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations: [A 3.6.9]

1. Announcements: None.

2. Appointments: None.

3. Presentations:

- a. **Certificate of Recognition – Alex Ellis** – South Puget Sound League / Bonney Lake High School Girl's 3A Golfer of the Year and District Champion.

Deputy Mayor Swatman presented Ms. Ellis with a certificate of recognition and congratulated her on an outstanding job.

D. Agenda Modifications: None.

7:05:50

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Public Hearings: [A 3.6.12]

1. AB08-224 (Continued) **Final Hearing on Proposed Biennial Budget.**

Deputy Mayor Swatman opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. Seeing no speakers, the Hearing was tabled to be continued at the December 2, 2008 Council Workshop.

B. Citizen Comments: [A 1.5]

Raymond Frey, Greenwood LLC, Eastown LLC, 12356 Northup Way, Bellevue, told the Council that the Main St. extension road is complete and all documentation was submitted to Public Works this week. He said the street lights should be turned on soon and there are plugs at the light base for lights. He said he hoped the road would be turned over to the City very soon. Councilmember Carter asked when construction would begin. Mr. Frey said he has submitted revised plans to design review for townhome and garden apartments, as it is difficult to find financing for single family homes currently. Councilmember King said he appreciated Mr. Frey's flexibility given current economic circumstances. He said the impact of adding affordable housing and new construction to the Downtown will last well into the future. He asked Mr. Frey to bring updated drawings for the Council to view.

C. Correspondence: None. [A 1.2]

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**III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:** [A 3.6.4]

- A. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Swatman said the committee met at 5:30 p.m. earlier in the evening and discussed high speed connectivity options for the Public Works building, internet mapping services, travel and meal reimbursement, the interlocal recreation agreement update, the Assistant Public Works Director position (AB08-225) and the 2009 non-represented salary plan.
- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Rackley said the committee met on November 17, 2008 and forwarded three items: two project completions (AB08-204 and AB08-205) and a Water Developer Extension Agreement and Annexation Covenant with Sumner School District (Resolution 1903).
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember King said the committee met on November 17, 2008 and discussed public defender services (D08-219), noise ordinance updates, a prospective vehicle lease program for detectives, Interim Justice Center updates, 800 MHz implementation, and Public Safety Building upkeep and safety issues.
- D. Other Reports:
- Rainier Cable Commission  
Councilmember Rackley said he attended the Rainier Cable Commission (RCC) meeting last week. The RCC President and Vice Presidents were re-elected and the group discussed combining the RCC with the Rainier Media Commission (RMC).
- Pierce County Regional Councilmember  
Councilmember Rackley said he attended the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting on November 22, 2008. The group heard reports from the Growth Management Commission and others, and Councilmember Rackley was elected to attend the annual PCRC meeting in February 2009.
- Communities for Families  
Councilmember Carter attended the Communities for Families meeting this month

and received a list of groups that are collecting items and donations for people in need during the holidays.

Lions 4 Kids Fundraiser

Councilmember Carter reminded the Council of the upcoming fundraiser for Lions 4 Kids at the Senior Center on Saturday, December 13, 2008.

Growth Trends

Councilmember Rackley provided Councilmembers with a document titled "Recent Growth Trends 2000-2007 vs. Regional Growth Strategy." He said Bonney Lake is in the 'small city' category and has done well compared to area cities. He said a more detailed breakdown of the numbers is available. Councilmember Hamilton said based on these numbers, urban sprawl is still an issue.

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**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:** [A 3.6]

- A. **Approval of Corrected Minutes:** October 21, 2008 Council Workshop, October 28, 2008 Council Meeting and November 4th Council Workshop.
- B. **Accounts Payable Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #53280 thru #53343 in the amount of \$372,630.60; Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #53344 thru #53442 (including wire transfer # 4050936) in the amount of \$375,101.03; Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #53443 thru 53443 in the amount of \$30.41; Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #53444 thru 53519 in the amount of \$199,301.95; Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #53520 thru 53612 (including wire transfer #'s 10302008 & 22517779) in the amount of \$349,049.88; and Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #53613 thru 53617 in the amount of \$6927.68.
- C. **Payroll Certification:** Payroll for October 16-31st, 2008 for checks 27679-27686, including Deposits and Electronic Transfers for \$ 139,100.56 (Police Department); Payroll for October 16-31st, 2008 for checks 27687-27720, including Deposits and Electronic Transfers for \$ 362,749.62 (AFSCME and Non-represented).  
  
Payroll for November 1-15th, 2008 for checks 27721-27726, including Deposits and Electronic Transfers for \$ 102,685.03 (Police Department); Payroll for November 1-15th, 2008 for checks 27727-27758, including Deposits and Electronic Transfers for \$ 251,075.63 (AFSCME and Non-represented).
- D. **AB08-219 – Ordinance 1289** – An Ordinance of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Relating to Standards for the Delivery of Public Defense Services.
- E. **AB08-222 – Resolution 1903** – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing a Water Developer Extension Agreement and Annexation Covenant Agreement with the Sumner School District (Lakeridge Middle School).
- F. **AB08-204** – A Motion of the City Council of the City Of Bonney Lake, Accepting as Complete the Contract with HCI Industrial and Marine Coatings, Inc. for Recoating of the Lakeridge Water Tank.
- G. **AB08-205** – A Motion of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Accepting as Complete the Contract with Apply-A-Line, Inc. for the 2008 Pavement Marking Project.

**Councilmember Bowen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

**Consent Agenda approved 7 – 0.**

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**V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:**

- A. **AB08-223 – Ordinance 1290** – An Ordinance of the City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Setting the Amount of the Annual Ad Valorem Tax Levy Necessary for the Fiscal Year 2009 for the Purposes Set Forth Below.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 1290. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.**

Councilmember King said even though the tax is being raised the allowed 1%, the actual property rates decrease from 1.11% to 1.01%, so the rate, in effect, decreases. Deputy Mayor Swatman said because most homeowners' property values are not increasing, there is actually a cut in taxes. He said the City makes more on sales tax than on property tax.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

- B. **AB08-225** – A Motion of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Authorizing an Offer of Employment for the Assistant Public Works Director Position Consistent with the Attached Offer Letter.

**Councilmember Decker moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

Councilmember King asked City Administrator Morrison for more information on the candidate. The City Administrator said the City did a national search and received twenty qualified applicants. Three candidates were interviewed, and Charles Simpson was by far the best. The City Administrator said if Mr. Simpson is not selected, the City will begin a new search, which would take four to five more months.

City Administrator Morrison summarized Mr. Simpson's work experience, which includes blue collar and administrative positions, a term as a City Councilmember, and various Public Works positions. Mr. Simpson worked for the City of Port Townsend and was the Public Works Director for a small city in California before moving back to Washington, where he is currently the Public Works Operations Manager for the City of Snohomish. Mr. Simpson currently lives in West Seattle with his wife. City Administrator Morrison explained that the motion to offer employment to Mr. Simpson comes before Council because the starting salary is over the standard range, though it is only slightly higher than Mr. Simpson's current salary. He said Mr. Simpson seemed very interested and has orally accepted the tentative offer.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

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

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

**VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES:** None.

**7:30:10 IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the City Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss potential litigation, property acquisition and enforcement actions. At 7:49 p.m. the Executive Session was extended an additional five minutes. The Council meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

**7:51:48 X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:51 p.m. Councilmember Decker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

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Harwood Edvalson, CMC  
City Clerk

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Neil Johnson  
Mayor

Items submitted to the Council meeting of November 25, 2008:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Recent Growth Trends 2000-2007 vs. Regional Growth Strategy* – Councilmember Rackley.