

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 8, 2011
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES



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The City of Bonney Lake’s Mission is to protect the community’s livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.

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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 7:01 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 Swatman, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

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:

a. **AB11-146** – Motion to Approve Randi Phelps as a Park Board Commissioner.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Randi Phelps as a Park Board Commissioner. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson said Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf met with Ms. Phelps and discussed the Board and commissioner roles extensively. He said the Park Board still needs one more member, and encouraged anyone interested in serving to apply.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

3. Presentations:

a. **AB11-147 – Ordinance D11-147** – Proposed 2011-2012 Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment.

City Administrator Don Morrison presented the Council with a summary of the biennial budget amendments for 2012. He reviewed general fund performance, noting that departments have held the line and the City has not had to use the \$400,000 fund balance authorized by the Council for the 2011 budget. The proposed amendment would carry about \$393,000 in fund reserves over to 2012.

The City Administrator summarized proposed modifications to the general fund and employee cost-of-living adjustments for employees. He said AFSCME employees will receive a 2.8% cost of living adjustment (COLA), and Police Guild employees are negotiating their contract now. The proposed amendment provides a 1.5% COLA for non-represented employees.

The City Administrator also described utility fund performance. He noted that as the city spends System Development Charge (SDC) fund balances for capital projects, at some point debt service may have to be paid using operating funds. He said the 2012 budget does not assume any utility rate increases. He noted that all approved Capital Improvement Projects remain as budgeted, as well as projects that were authorized during 2011.

Councilmember Decker thanked the City Administrator for providing a good overview of the budget amendments.

- D. Agenda Modifications: None.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Public Hearings:

1. **AB11-149 – Public Hearing for Ordinance D11-141 – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Setting The Amount Of The Annual Ad Valorem Tax Levy Necessary For The Fiscal Year 2012 For The Purposes Set Forth Below.**

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 7:16 p.m. No one came forward to speak. The public hearing was continued to the November 15, 2011 Council Workshop at 5:30 p.m.

- B. Citizen Comments:

David Colbeth, 21816 113th St E, Bonney Lake, thanked the Council for taking quick action to draft a Memorandum of Understanding for the Greater Bonney Lake Veteran's Memorial Committee. He said he received the MOU from Public Works Director Dan Grigsby shortly after the previous Council meeting, and has delivered a signed copy for the Mayor's signature. He said the committee will continue working with Director Grigsby on signage options and regulations. They are getting information from monument companies and encouraged interested citizens to attend the next GBLVMC meeting on November 10th. Mayor Johnson said the MOU will be brought before the Council for a vote, and the City would keep moving forward.

Lillian McGinnis, 11002 203rd Av E, Bonney Lake, is the Executive Director of Beautify Bonney Lake. She presented a list of 2011 Beautify Bonney Lake highlights, including various events, fundraisers, and the main Beautify Bonney Lake event in September. She said they had over 550 volunteers working in over 22 sites; the largest participation for the event. She said the organization recently purchased a cargo trailer for tools & supplies. Ms. McGinnis said BBL depends on the strong support of citizens and the Council, and they recently recognized supporters at their board meeting. She thanked Mayor Johnson, City Administrator Morrison, and Councilmembers Rackley, Lewis,

Hamilton, McKibbin, and Carter for their participation. She noted that Mayor Johnson and Councilmember McKibbin have served on the board since 2004.

- 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. They discussed personnel updates, noting the City received over 50 applications for the reserve officer list. The committee forwarded the ad valorem tax levy, biennial budget amendments, and cost of living adjustments to the full Council. The committee discussed the WashWise rebate program. Because Puget Sound Energy is not continuing their participation in the program, the City will likely withdraw from the program as well.
- B. Community Development Committee: Councilmember Rackley said the committee met on November 1st and discussed issues with radio-read water meters, reviewed meeting notes, and forwarded Resolution 2167 to the current agenda. He noted that none of the bids from recent projects came in under engineer's estimates for the first time in several years, which may be a sign that the economy is getting better.
- C. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Hamilton said the committee met on November 7th and reviewed jail contract billings from 2010 through 2011. Interim Chief Powers is working on contracts with the five jails the City currently contracts with. The Buckley Jail may close, which would affect Bonney Lake. Councilmember Hamilton said City Prosecutor Maili Barber brought forward proposed ordinances to clean up Chapter 9 of the municipal code for public peace and welfare. She suggested the City amend the code to apply State RCWs to situations where the City's code is not specific, such as the open container law, brandishing a weapon, etc. She also drafted a defective equipment ordinance that would allow more flexibility in whether a fine is imposed when someone fixes the issue within a certain amount of time. Interim Chief Powers discussed the Washington Traffic Safety Commission grant, which would fully fund a staff position to promote child safety and car seats. The City Prosecutor also suggested the City take steps to improve safety and police access in the WSU Forest.

Councilmember Hamilton noted several upcoming community events, including the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3, the holiday food drive, and the Bonney Lake Giving Tree at the Police Department. Other events include the Sumner Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on December 3, 2011. Councilmember Hamilton thanked all those who participated in the 'Take the Plunge Against Domestic Violence' event on October 29th, including EPFR Chief McDonald, Assistant Chief Thorsen, Interim Police Chief Powers, and Sumner Police Chief John Galle. Councilmember Lewis and Mayor Johnson also attended, along with several City staff members.

- D. Other Reports:

Communities for Families: Councilmember Lewis said he attended the November 3rd Communities For Families meeting. He said upcoming Youth Forums are scheduled as follows: November 21st at Mountain View Middle School, December 2nd at Bonney Lake High School, and December 9th at Lakeridge Middle School. He said several food banks and churches are working to provide food to needy families for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The annual Community Dinner will be held on December 10th at Sumner High School. He said organizers are working to arrange transportation for those who want to attend, and over 140 student volunteers will be helping with this year's event. He said the Community Dinner began six years ago with 80 people, and last year over 700 people attended. He said they expect a large group again this year.

Superintendent's Community Coffee: Councilmember Rackley said he attended the Superintendent's meeting with City Administrator Morrison. He said they heard a preview of energy savings realized through the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant, which the City is participating in along with the Sumner School District. He said the program has resulted in an estimated \$500,000 in savings annually for the district so far, and a more detailed report will be available soon.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approval of Corrected Minutes:** October 18, 2011 Council Workshop and October 25, 2011 Council Meeting.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62261 thru 62298 (Including Wire Transfer #s 8196304, 20111012, 20111017) in the amount of \$165,809.88; Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62299 thru 62347 in the amount of \$3,061.64; Accounts Payable checks/vouchers #62348 thru 62377 in the amount of \$78,650.68; for a grand total of \$247,522.20.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** Payroll for October 16-31, 2011 for checks 30082-30110 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$582,630.56.
- D. **AB11-139 – Resolution 2166 –** 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.

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

Consent Agenda approved 7 – 0.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

- A. **AB11-143 – Resolution 2167 –** A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Awarding The Lift Station 17 Flow Meter Addition And Fuel Storage Tank Replacement Project To Stouder General Construction, LLC.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2167. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Resolution 2167 approved 7 – 0.

Councilmember Rackley said instead of removing the old tank, this project will be to fill the old tank with sand and build the new tank over it.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES: None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

**At 7:40 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Council Meeting.
Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.**

Motion to adjourn approved 7 – 0.



Harwood Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the November 8, 2011 Meeting:

- City Administrator Don Morrison – *Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment Presentation* – City of Bonney Lake.