

City Council Meeting

January 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Minutes



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Location: The physical location of the Council Meeting was at the Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington. The public was also given the option to call in or attend virtually the Council Meeting.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Carter, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Swatman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

City Clerk Sadie Schaneman announced that Mayor Carter was not in attendance. In addition to Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Aaron Davis, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, and Councilmember Brittany Rock. Councilmember McClimans was in virtual attendance.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were Police Chief Mark Berry, Chief Finance Officer Cherie Reiersen, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, Assistant to City Administrator Leslie Harris, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, and City Attorney Jennifer Robinson.

C. Agenda Modifications

None.

II. Council Committee Reports

Councilmember Fullerton:

Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC). Discussions focused on the unified regional approach and Urban Growth Area (UGA) planning policies. Also announced that she was officially sworn in as the alternate for the UGA.

Councilmember Hubler:

Community updates: Kiwanis pasta feed is set for Feb 10, and DECA is looking for mock judges. She also recently participated as a judge for the high school's 'Top Chef' event.

Councilmember Fullerton:

Aliance for Sustainable Climate Action (ASCA). Announced an upcoming trip to Olympia to seek funding support for the organization's efforts.

III. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda . Councilmember Fullerton seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

A. Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers: None.

B. Approval of Payroll: December 16–31, 2026, for checks #35336-35346 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers totaling \$1,009,635.28. **Voids:** None

IV. Full Council Issues

None.

V. Audience Comments

For efficient use of city resources, comments will be a short summary and not verbatim. An audio recording is available on the [state digital archives](#) and [public portal website](#) if you are needing a complete review of comments.

Dan Decker, spoke about oaths also applying even when not in chambers and how a Councilmember had sued and gave false information.

VI. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember Fullerton:

Communities for Families (CFF). Sought a new representative for CFF meetings. It was determined that Councilmembers Baldwin, Davis, and Rock would share the responsibility of attending these meetings.

Councilmember Rock:

Communnity Garden. Inquired about the status of the Community Garden. Public Services Director Jason Sullivan responded with an overview of ongoing activities and next steps.

VII. Workshop Discussion Items

A. Review of Minutes: November 25, 2025, City Council Meeting, December 2, 2025, City Council Workshop, December 9, 2025, City Council Meeting, December 16, 2025, City Council Workshop, and January 6, 2026, City Council Workshop.

The draft minutes were forwarded to the February 3, 2026, Meeting for approval.

B. AB26-19 - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Granting A Non-Exclusive Telecommunications Franchise In, Across, Over, Along, Under, Through And Below The Public Rights-Of-Way Of The City Of Bonney Lake To Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC, Providing For Severability

And Corrections; Requiring Acceptance By The Franchisee Within 30 Days; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Item was brought to CDC. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Fiber to the premisis.
- More internet options.
- Time frame and competitive prices.
- Direct to customer.

There was Council consensus to place the item for action on the next Council agenda under the Consent Agenda.

- C. **AB26-15** - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Granting A Non-Exclusive Telecommunications Franchise In, Across, Over, Along, Under, Through And Below The Public Rights-Of-Way Of The City Of Bonney Lake To Forged Fiber 37, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company, And Wholly Owned Subsidiary Of AT&T, Inc.; Providing For Severability And Corrections; Requiring Acceptance By The Franchisee Within 30 Days; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Item was brought to CDC. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Right of Ways
- Direct to consumers vs. provider

There was Council consensus to place the item for action on the next Council agenda under the Consent Agenda.

- D. Legislative Priorities — materials added at meeting

Introduced by City Administrator were letters detailing the City's legislative priorities. The Council expressed appreciation for staff's responsiveness to their concerns. They discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Timeframes: License plates and PDR lawsuits.
- Public access to PDR information.
- Indigent legal defense.

Action: Council reached a consensus to bring these letters to the AWC City Action Days Conference.

VIII. Executive/Closed Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

At 7:21 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Swatman with the common consent of the City Council.

Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

Dan Swatman, Deputy Mayor

Items presented to Council at the 01/20/2026, Meeting for the record: None

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all documents submitted at City Council meetings and workshops are added to the back of the packet the next day. For detailed information on agenda items, please view the corresponding Agenda Packets, which are posted on the city website and on file with the City Clerk.