

City Council Meeting

February 3, 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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Carter led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor Carter, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Aaron Davis, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, Councilmember Brittany Rock.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John P. Vodopich, Police Chief Mark Berry, Chief Finance Officer Cherie Reiersen, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, and Records & Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw.

Staff members in virtual attendance were Assistant to City Administrator Leslie Harris.

C. Agenda Modifications

None.

II. Council Committee Reports

Councilmember Fullerton reported the Community Development Committee did not meet and was replaced by a Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) session, where they went over their 2025 review. Key topics included the digester cleaners, pre-treatment delegation, personnel updates, 2025 flood response, and exploring AI for future program development.

Councilmember Hubler: Shared highlights from the Bonney Lake High School Youth Forum, noting the students' enthusiasm for providing feedback on local government and their desire to impact the community.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- A. **Approval 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.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund Checks/Vouchers:** None.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** January 1–15, 2026 For Checks #35347-35388 Including Direct Deposits And Electronic Transfers Totaling \$959,740.46. **Voids:** None.
- D. **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.
- E. **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.

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, Provided an update regarding the details of his ongoing court proceedings.

Jennifer Jones, Requested clarification from the Police Department regarding their procedural interactions with Federal Immigration Authorities.

VI. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember, Baldwin:

Buoy Agenda Bill: Discussed the delay of the buoy agenda bill and inquired about budget discrepancies. Chief Financial Officer Reiersen clarified that the items lacked formal Council authorization for the General Fund, but confirmed the issue is being rectified.

Legislative Videos & Ad Hoc Committee: Proposed creating public-facing videos to highlight legislative priorities and suggested forming an ad hoc committee for this purpose. The Council reached a consensus to produce the videos in rotating groups of three members, allowing each to speak on the specific topics they are most passionate about. In response to Council inquiries regarding further requirements, Assistant to City Administrator Harris advised that the primary remaining task is to establish the schedule.

Councilmember Fullerton:

Point of Order & Council-Staff Relations: Raised a point of order reminding the Council of their previous vote to follow Robert's Rules of Order, specifically the requirement to address the Mayor to set a professional tone. Emphasized that while Council must be direct when seeking information on the budget, Public Works, etc., conversations must remain professional to ensure staff do not feel pressured or directed. It was noted that the Council's role is to create laws and ordinances, not to manage staff, and that improving the "unapproachable" disconnect between the two groups requires listening to staff expertise rather than attacking the speaker.

Deputy Mayor Swatman:

AWC City Action Days: Commended the strong attendance of the Council and the Mayor at the recent AWC City Action Days.

Parks Board Inquiry: Inquired about the necessity of a dedicated Parks Board. Public Services Director Sullivan explained that previous boards, such as the parks, were consolidated into the current Planning Commission.

VII. Workshop Discussion Items

- A. **Review of Council Minutes:** January 13, 2026, City Council Meeting And January 20, 2026, City Council Meeting.
The draft minutes were forwarded to the 02/10/2026 Meeting for approval.

VIII. Executive/Closed Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

At 6:48 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter with the common consent of the City Council.

Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

Terry Carter, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the February 03, 2026, Meeting for the record: None

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