

City Council Meeting

March 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

Deputy Mayor Swatman 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 noted for the record that Mayor Carter was not in attendance. In addition to elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Aaron Davis, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, and Councilmember Brittany Rock. Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans was in virtual attendance.

C. Roll Call

Planning Commission

Commissioner Grant Sulham, Commissioner Jessica Bennion, Commissioner Brad Doll, Commissioner Sara Hallstead, Commissioner Ernie Gilmer, and Commissioner Jeffery Wilkins. Commissioner Debbie Strous-Boyd was absent.

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

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

D. Agenda Modifications

None.

II. Planning Commission & Council Open Discussion

A. AB26-26 - Joint City Council-Planning Commission Meeting

Introduced by Public Services Director Sullivan and Development Services Manager Balisky who provided an overview of the Work Plan packet and requested that the Council and Planning Commission review the materials. Specifically, seeking feedback on the general ranking of primary tasks to provide the Public Services Department with clear direction on how to proceed. The Council and Planning Commission discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Future Outlook for the Dog Park
- Park Board Governance
- Work Item Prioritization

Public Services Director Sullivan and Development Services Manager Balisky will work on making amendments as directed by Council and bring to the next Council Meeting for Full Council Discussion.

B. ** End of Special Joint City Council & Planning Commission Meeting**

Followed by Regular Council Items.

Deputy Mayor Swatman ended the Joint City Council & Planning Commission Meeting at 7:07 p.m. and opened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:08 p.m.

III. Council Committee Reports

Community Development Committee. Councilmember Fullerton reported the Community Development Committee met in person and virtually today. The Committee discussed the 2025 permit summary report, had open discussion about the community garden and approved their minutes.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- A. **Approval of Payroll:** February 1-15, 2026 For Checks #35401-35406 Including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers Totaling \$874,260.43. Voids: None.
- B. **AB26-16** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With Witherspoon Brajcich Mcphee, PLLC, To Provide Hearing Examiner Services And Reappointing The Hearing Examiner.
- C. **AB26-20** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Approve The Professional Services Agreement With RH2 Engineering, Inc. To Complete The American Water Infrastructure Act Risk And Resilience Assessment And Emergency Response Plan Update.

V. Full Council Issues

- A. **AB26-18** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Renaming Downtown Park To Veterans Memorial Park And Directing Staff To Work With The Greater Bonney Lake Veterans Memorial Committee To Update The 2012 Memorandum Of Understanding.

**Councilmember Hubler moved to Approve Resolution AB26-18.
Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.**

Public Services Director Jason Sullivan explained the naming procedure. Council had no discussion.

Motion 7 – 0.

- B. **AB26-27** - A Motion of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Amend The 2025-2026 Planning Commission Work Plan Adopted Under Resolution 3263

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve AB26-27. Councilmember Hubler seconded the motion.

Public Services Director Sullivan suggested to have this item brought back for approval at the next Council Meeting with the amendments that Council gave direction on.

Councilmember Fullerton moved to Postpone AB26-27 until the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Hubler seconded the motion.

Motion approved to Postpone 7 – 0.

VI. 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.

Julian Ametsitsi, Spoke about the CEPA Review and Lakeridge 748 Reservoirs Project.

Dan Decker, Spoke about the lack of access, accountability and fairness within the court system.

VII. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember Fullerton:

House Bill 2015. Shared an update that Pierce County voted in favor of a jurisdiction-wide sales tax increase.

Councilmember Baldwin:

Phishing. Requested clarification on the City's official protocol for handling and reporting spam emails.

Councilmember McClimans:

Council Salary. Brought forward the topic of Mayor and Councilmember compensation.

Assistant to City Administrator Leslie Harris:

Arts Commission. Requested a Councilmember to help judge for the utility art box wrapping project. Councilmembers Baldwin, McClimans, and Fullerton expressed interest in the role.

AWC Classes. Inquired which members would like to attend the Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute this year. Councilmembers Baldwin, Davis, Hubler, and Deputy Mayor Swatman indicated their interest.

VIII. Workshop Discussion Items

A. **Review of Minutes:** February 10, 2026, City Council Minutes and February 17, 2026, City Council Minutes.
The draft minutes were forwarded to the March 10, 2026, Meeting for approval.

B. Reroof Permits

Introduced by Councilmember Rock who expressed residents should not have to get a permit to re-roof their houses. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Not requiring a permit
- Trust homeowners to act responsibly
- How long would it take to pass the ordinance amendment

There was Council consensus to place the item on a future Council Meeting agenda for discussion.

C. A Motion of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor to Sign The First Amendment To Lease Agreement Between City Of Bonney Lake And Goodroots Northwest

Introduced by Public Services Director Sullivan, who gave an overview of the lease agreement to add more lockers in the Justice & Municipal Center parking lot. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Funding sources
- Mobile storefront and new tower installations.
- Distribution needs and volunteers

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

D. Allen Yorke Paid Parking Update

Introduced by Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, who gave an overview of paid parking since implemented. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Re-approaching the fee structure
- Experienced a significant decrease in issues since implementation.
- Fees directly support the Park Fund

There was Council consensus to have administration research capabilities of adding time per hour after the minimum four (4) hours and bring forward to a future Council Meeting for discussion.

IX. Executive/Closed Session

None.

X. Adjournment

At 8:27 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 March 3, 2026, Meeting for the record:

1. Lakeridge 748 Reservoirs Project Map – Julian Ametsitsi

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.