

City Council Meeting

May 19, 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

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 (left at 7:24pm), Councilmember Kerri Hubler, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans and Councilmember Brittany Rock.

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, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, and Records & Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw.

C. Agenda Modifications

Mayor Carter noted that it was requested to pull AB26-43 from the Consent Agenda. he said the item would be moved to Full Council Issues as Item A.

II. Council Committee Reports

None.

III. Consent Agenda

**Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.
Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.**

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** May 05, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

- B. **Approval of Payroll:** April 16-30, 2026 For Checks #35442-35454 Including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers Totaling \$952,334.86. **Voids:** Checks 35351-35352, Partial EFTPS 1/15/26 totaling \$23,344.52.

- C. ~~AB26-43 - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing the Assistant To The City Administrator To Attend the International City/County Management Association Annual Conference.~~
(Moved to Full Council Issues Item A).

- D. **AB26-39** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing Out Of State Travel For Detective Vance To Attend The 52nd Annual International Association Of Auto Theft Investigators Conference.

- E. AP Check run 05/07/2026 Vouchers #101481 to #101610 in the amount of \$1,429,925.07. Wire transfers #20260504, #202605072, #202605051, #52093450, #20260421, #51970411, and #20260507 in the amount of \$149,583.97.

Voids:

Check# 99694 replaced with 101505

Check# 101235 replaced with 101514.

Check# 101044 replaced with 101542.

Check# 101077 replaced with 101607.

Check# 101040 no reissue.

IV. Full Council Issues

- A. (Moved from Consent Agenda, Item C.) AB26-43 - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing the Assistant To The City Administrator To Attend the International City/County Management Association Annual Conference.

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to Approve AB26-43. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion.

The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Out of state travel freeze
- If it is essential training
- Budget
- City not paying airfare

Motion approved 7 – 0.

V. Public Hearings

- A. **AB26-33** - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Regarding Adoption Of A Temporary 6-Month Moratorium On The Acceptance, Processing, And/Or Approval Of Applications For Building, Land Use, Development, And Related Land Use Decisions For Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities To Be Located In Any Zoning District Within The City Of Bonney Lake; Scheduling A Public Hearing; Adopting Findings Of Fact; Providing For Severability And Corrections; Declaring An Emergency; And Establishing An Immediate Effective Date.

Mayor Carter opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 pm.

Ben Luxenberg, one of the co-founders of Mammoth Summit Power, expressed his support and is looking forward to the potential growth and infrastructure.

Christine Nhan with Puget Sound Energy sent the City Clerk's office an email that was shared prior to the meeting with the mayor and council in support of the BESS facilities.

Mayor Carter closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 pm.

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.

Erin Delatori: Raised safety concerns regarding multiple reported animal control incidents in her neighborhood. The mayor clarified that the residence property is located within county jurisdiction, not city limits. The resident was provided with the correct county protocol and contact information.

Dan Decker: Speech on Washington Law and ethics duties.

VII. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember Fullerton

Out-of-State Travel: Requested that the city's current out-of-state travel bans be brought forth for an additional review.

The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Revenue offsets and exploring new funding to balance out these types of budget items.
- Establishing guidelines for distributing training opportunities fairly and exploring limitations and/or restrictions.
- CDL licensing and the review of costs, protocols and potential reimbursement options.

Deputy Mayor Swatman

Surety bond and alternative battery inquiry: The Deputy inquired about a citizen's e-mail regarding an alternative to surety bonds. Public Services Director Sullivan confirmed that staff contacted the citizen, and the matter has been resolved.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Moratorium: Clarification was requested on the moratorium process, and whether alternative solutions have been evaluated in regard to the Puget Sound Energy battery energy storage system (BESS). Public Services Director Sullivan assured that his department has reviewed the process and confirmed that the current proposal represents the best regulated option for the city.

Councilmember Hubler

Website photo update: Noted that the council photos on the city website are outdated and requested information on a timeline for updating and uploading new images.

Tarragon Agreement Update: Inquired as to the status of the Tarragon property agreement. Public Services Director Sullivan reported that the agreement is due to expire, and negotiations have reached an impasse.

Police Chief Berry

Traffic: Announced the traffic emphasis going on currently.

VIII. Workshop Discussion Items

A. Review of Minutes: May 12, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes were forwarded to the June 2, 2026, Meeting for approval.

IX. Executive/Closed Session

None.

X. Adjournment

At 7:38 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 May 19, 2026, Meeting for the record:

1. Speech on Washington Law and Ethic Duties – Dan Decker.

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