

**City Council Meeting**

**February 24, 2026  
4:00 PM**



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**Minutes**

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**Location:** Bonney Lake Public Services Center, 21719 96th St. E., Buckley, Washington, 98321. The public was also given the option to ask for accommodations to attend.

**I. 4:00 pm Dinner (Not open to public)**

**II. 4:15 pm Call To Order And Roll Call**

Deputy Mayor Swatman called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

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, and Councilmember Brittany Rock. Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans was remote.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John P. Vodopich, Police Chief Mark Berry, Chief Finance Officer Cherie Reierson, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Municipal Judge Anneke Berry, Judicial Branch Administrator Geri Resch, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, Assistant to the City Administrator Leslie Harris, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, and Records & Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw.

**III. 4:20pm Retreat Introduction And Ground Rules**

Deputy Mayor Swatman thanked everyone for attending and went over the ground rules for sharing the floor, being respectful, and listening.

**IV. 4:25pm Around The Horn: 5 Minutes Each Councilmember**

A. I Ran For Election/Re-Election To The City Council Because .....

B. What I Hope The City Accomplishes During My Time On The Council Is ....

C. What I Think The City Needs To Work On Most Is .....

Each Councilmember and the Mayor took turns explaining why they ran for election, what they hope to accomplish, and what they feel the city needs to work on.

Deputy Mayor Swatman ran for election to work with the Council and to get the perspective of others. He hopes to accomplish having a mature budget and feels the city needs to work on budgeting.

Councilmember Davis ran for election because he grew up in Bonney Lake, is interested in the community, and working with dedicated staff. He hopes to strengthen public safety, infrastructure growth, and keeping the integrity of Bonney Lake. He feels the city needs to work on the Bonney Lake sports complex plan, the veterans' memorial, and improvements at Allan Yorke Park.

Councilmember Fullerton ran for election because she likes the current Council and feels everyone is on the same page. She would like to accomplish a good budget without raising taxes and making sure police get funding. She feels the city needs to work on the permitting process.

Councilmember Hubler ran for election to work on parks and making Bonney Lake safer for pedestrians. She hopes to accomplish bringing down labor costs and feels the city needs to work on the veterans' memorial and finishing midtown park.

Councilmember Baldwin ran for election because she wanted to listen to constituents and help them get their voice heard. She wants to accomplish the veterans memorial and finding better ways to communicate with public legislators. She feels the city needs to work on public safety and keeping small government.

Councilmember Rock ran for election to serve the citizens of Bonney Lake, give the community the type of government they want, to advocate for the city, and balance the state and community. She wants to make sure decisions that are made are in the best interest of the city and feels the city needs to work on keeping costs down and not have all decisions be in the best interest of the state.

Councilmember McClimans ran for election because he lives in Bonney Lake and his family is here. He wants to keep government small and feels the city needs to work on growing the city but not the government.

Mayor Carter ran for election because he likes the current Council and the great staff. He wants to set an example for others and leave the city better off than it was before.

## **V. 5:00pm Chief Financial Officer Budget Forecast**

### **A. General Fund Balance History**

Introduced by Chief Financial Officer Reierson who gave an overview of the general fund. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- General fund continuing to go down
- Causes

### **B. Revenue vs Expenses**

Introduced by Chief Financial Officer Reierson who gave an overview of the revenues and expenses. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- The net balance does not include limited-term positions or recruitments
- Why revenue is down

## **VI. 5:30pm Expense Discussion**

The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- The increase in community development
- The importance of limited-term employees
- Moving funds around
- Insurance rates
- Sales tax
- Recreation program costs
- Emergency management costs
- Special events needs to get more donations and sponsorships
- Permit fees
- Animal control increases
- Needing more staff for public disclosures
- The fluctuation in other revenue sources
- Bringing disc golf to midtown park

## **VII. 6:00pm Revenue Streams**

### **A. B & O Taxes**

The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- How to not have small business be effected
- Effects on big box stores
- Timeline to implement

Council decided not to go forward with this item at this time.

### **B. Car Tab Tax - No Advance Material**

The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Can only be used for streets
- Hardship on residents

Council decided not to go forward with this item at this time.

### **C. Public Safety Tax**

The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- What tax can be used for
- The estimated amount
- Hardship on Residents

Deputy Mayor Swatman said that the Public Safety Tax is one of the preferred possibilities to further consider and look at.

**VIII. 6:30pm Rest Break As Needed**

**IX. 6:40pm New Website Update Discussion**

**A. ADA Compliance For Videos**

Introduced by City Clerk Schaneman who gave an overview of the ADA requirements for posting videos. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Options for audio descriptions
- Costs for compliancy
- Necessity
- Types of videos

There was Council consensus to not post meeting videos at this time due to costs.

**X. 7:00pm Open Discussion**

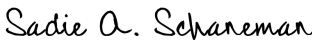
**XI. 7:45pm Goal Review and Prioritization**


There was consensus of the Council to table the goal review and prioritization discussion for a future council workshop.

- A. Addition Of Items To Add To Goals
- B. Discuss List Of Goals And Add/Strike Items As Desired
- C. Prioritize Goal/Project List

**XII. Adjournment**

**At 8:05 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by eputy Mayor Swatman with the common consent of the City Council.**

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Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

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Dan Swatman, Deputy Mayor

Items presented to Council at the February 24, 2026, Meeting for the record: None.

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