

City Council Meeting

April 14, 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 Aaron Davis, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, and Councilmember Brittany Rock. Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans was in virtual attendance.

Councilmember Baldwin was not in attendance.

Councilmember McClimans moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Baldwin. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion 6 – 0.

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.

C. Agenda Modifications

None.

D. Announcements

1. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Carter read the proclamation marking April 25, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Bonney Lake.

2. Parks Appreciation Day Proclamation

Mayor Carter read the proclamation marking April 25, 2026, as Parks Appreciation Day in the City of Bonney Lake.

II. Council Committee Reports

Councilmember Hubler reported the Public Safety Committee met in person and virtually today at 3:45 p.m. The Committee had reports from East Pierce & Fire Rescue, Police, Court, and Code Enforcement, had a Public Safety Tax discussion and a flock camera discussion, and mentioned that the Chief of Police Berry received an outstanding performance mention for the boating legislation that he helped to create.

Deputy Mayor Swatman reported the Finance Committee met in person and virtually today at 5:00 p.m. The Committee went through personnel updates, had an open discussion regarding bond refinancing, had a water leak discussion, discussed and moved forward to a future Council meeting AB26-31, and approved their minutes.

Mayor Carter shared that if anyone is interested in what is happening on the lake, there will be a Cascade Water Alliance meeting on June 3rd, 2026 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at North Tapps Middle School.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Motion 6 – 0.

A. **Approval of Minutes:** February 24, 2026, City Council Retreat And March 10, 2026, City Council Meeting

B. **Approval of Payroll:** March 16-31, 2026 For Checks #35424-35435 Including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers Totaling \$969,638.54. **Voids:** None.

IV. Full Council Issues

- A. **AB26-23** - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, Amending Section 18.22.090.C Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code To Provide Standards And Procedures For The Legalization Of Unpermitted Accessory Dwelling Units; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Councilmember Fullerton moved to Approve AB26-23. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Introduced by Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, who gave an overview of Accessory Dwelling Units. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Current Accessory Dwelling Unit process.
- Definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit.

**Motion approved 5 – 1.
Deputy Mayor Swatman voted no.**

- B. **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.

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to Approve AB26-33. Councilmember Fullerton seconded the motion.

Introduced by Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, who gave an overview of the Moratorium process. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Current regulations regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
- Current Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) locations
- Comparable cities and how they are proceeding.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

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: Shared his views on relocation and the tax structure.

VI. Council Open Discussion

None.

VII. Workshop Discussion Items

A. Review of Minutes: April 7, 2026 City Council Minutes


The draft minutes were forwarded with corrections to the April 21, 2026, Meeting for approval.

VIII. Executive/Closed Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

At 6:56p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter with the common consent of the City Council.

Signed by:

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Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

Signed by:

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Terry Carter, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the April 7, 2026, Meeting for the record: None

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