

City Council Meeting

May 12, 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. Elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Aaron Davis, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans and Councilmember Brittany Rock. Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton was not in attendance.

**Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to Excuse Councilmember Fullerton.  
Councilmember Rock seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John P. Vodopich, Acting Assistant Chief Ryan Harberts, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, and Records & Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw.

**C. Agenda Modifications**

None.

**D. Announcements**

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Deputy Mayor Swatman read the proclamation marking May 17th to 23rd, as public works' week in the City of Bonney Lake.

## **E. Presentations**

1. **Presentation:** Medal of Arts Award Recognition for Former Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. and Ben Franklin Crafts & Frame Shop - Arts Commissioners

Assistant to City Administrator Leslis Harris provided an overview of the award's history and recognized previous recipients. Following this, the 2025 and 2026 honorees were announced: former Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson (2025) and Ben Franklin Crafts (2026).

## **II. Council Committee Reports**

Councilmember Baldwin reported the Public Safety Committee met in person and virtually today at 3:45 p.m. The Committee received an update from East Pierce Fire and Rescue, had open discussion about copper wire theft, e-bike safety and approved their minutes.

Deputy Mayor Swatman reported the Finance Committee met in person and virtually today at 5:00 p.m. The Committee went through personnel updates, discussed and forwarded AB26-28, AB26-39 and AB26-43 to a future meeting, discussed the water leak adjustment and approved their minutes.

Councilmember Hubler reported that she attended the Alliance for Sustainable Climate Action (ASCA) meeting where the topic focused on wildfire smoke and the projected drought for the upcoming year. The committee emphasized the importance of community preparedness and provided several actionable safety tips and strategies.

Councilmember Rock reported on the Communities for Families Coalition (CFF) meeting, where discussions centered on the Career and Technical Education Program (CTE) and the 31st Annual Summit.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

**Councilmember Baldwin moved to Adopt Consent Agenda. Councilmember Hubler seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

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- B. **AB26-38** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing An Award Of A Contract With Peak Drywall Service Inc Dba Peak Construction For The Senior Center Tenant Improvements.
  
- C. **AB26-41** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington Awarding A Professional Services Contract For Construction Management Services To AKANA To Support The Senior Center Tenant Improvements.

#### **IV. Full Council Issues**

- A. **AB26-42** - A Motion of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Appointing Three City Officials As Voting Delegates to Represent the City of Bonney Lake at the 2026 Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference Business Meeting to be Held on June 25 from 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM.

**Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve AB26-42. Councilmember Hubler seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Baldwin emphasized that those serving as flag holders and voting delegates should remain focused on goals that align with our city’s interests. She cautioned delegates against accepting external agendas without critical evaluation.

Councilmember McClimans explained that he hadn't participated in the past because the organization’s structure at the time only allowed those who had finished their training to be on the board.

There was a consensus and Deputy Mayor Swatman announced that Councilmembers Davis, McClimans, and Rock would be the three officials appointed as voting delegates for Bonney Lake all others agreed to be alternates.

**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](#)

## **VI. Council Open Discussion**

### **Councilmember Baldwin**

ASCA Reporting & Official Stance: Councilmember Baldwin raised concerns regarding the reporting of Alliance for Sustainable Climate Action (ASCA) meetings, noting that the current format may mistakenly imply city support for their initiatives. She requested that reports remain neutral to avoid misrepresenting the city's position. A consensus was reached to draft a letter inviting the ASCA board to clarify their purpose and goals.

**Councilmember McClimans moved to construct a letter inviting ASCA board members to explain their purpose and governance. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

Legislative Update: Copper Theft: Revisited HB 145 (the copper theft bill), sharing further details on current measures intended to deter copper theft within the region.

### **Councilmember Hubler**

Summer Sound Showdown: Formerly "Battle of the Bands," this event will be held at Allan Yorke Park on July 29th at 6:30 PM. Due to scheduling, it has moved from the high school to the park for this year, with plans to return to the school next year. Participation is open to youth bands within the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District.

Teal & Steel Car Show: To be held this Saturday, the 16th, at Bonney Lake High School.

Culinary Honors: The Bonney Lake High School ProStart team advanced from the Washington State Championship to Nationals. Additionally, Chef Tony will participate in a Guinness World Record attempt for national dish preparation on September 26th.

Charter Commission: Requested an update, and City Clerk Schaneman informed everyone that an email with the attorney's advice had been previously sent out to all council members.

### **Deputy Mayor Swatman**

Audio/Visual Adjustments: The Deputy Mayor inquired about optimizing the camera zoom and whiteboard visibility in the room. During the session, the City Clerk adjusted the view to the Council's satisfaction.

## **VII. Workshop Discussion Items**

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## VIII. Executive/Closed Session

None.

## IX. Adjournment

**At 7:23 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Swatman with the common consent of the City Council.**

Signed by:

*Sadie A. Schaneman*

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Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

Signed by:

*Dan Swatman*

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Dan Swatman, Deputy Mayor

Items presented to Council at the May 12, 2026, Meeting for the record:

1. Speech on abuse of power – Dan Decker.

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