

City Council Meeting

April 7, 2026
6:00 PM



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Minutes

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 6:01 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, 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, Acting Assistant Police Chief Ryan Harberts, 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 Administrative Specialist II Debbie McDonald and Assistant to City Administrator Leslie Harris.

C. Agenda Modifications

None.

D. Announcements

1. Recognition Of Achievement

The Mayor recognized City Clerk Sadie Schaneman and Records and Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw for their recent achievements. On March 19, 2026, both were sworn into leadership roles for the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA): Schaneman as Vice President and Besaw as Secretary. The City recognizes this as a significant accomplishment; not only being elected by their peers but also being asked to teach within other clerk organizations demonstrates their immense hard work and dedication to the profession.

2. Volunteer Appreciation Week Proclamation & Recognition

The Mayor read a proclamation in honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week, expressing gratitude to all city volunteers for their service. City Clerk Schaneman distributed certificates of appreciation to those in attendance. Mr. Gilmer spoke on behalf of the volunteers, highlighting the group's hard work and sharing his personal appreciation for the rewarding work done at the Senior Center.

II. Council Committee Reports

Community Development Committee: Councilmember Fullerton reported the Community Development Committee met in person and virtually today at 4:30 p.m. The Committee discussed BESS, battery energy storage systems, fire sprinkler ordinance and repealing chapter 15.16, and had an open discussion on the critical areas report.

Other Reports:

Councilmember Fullerton:

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Meeting: Reported on her attendance at the Puget Sound Regional Council board meeting, where they discussed budget adjustments necessitated by recent legislation and recommended certification of the comprehensive plans and re-designations regarding the regional growth center and ended with discussing open space, plans and updates.

Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) Meeting: The Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) roundtable focused on small city issues. The discussion centered on securing funding and grants specifically for smaller jurisdictions, as well as improving local access to transit services.

Alliance for Sustainable Climate Change Association (ASCCA) Meeting. The Alliance for Sustainable Climate Change Association group discussed their recent legislative field trip and its subsequent impact on their budget. Held breakout sessions and discussed having a "Roadshow" presentation at a council meeting. Finally, she highlighted the upcoming Wildfire and Smoke Preparedness Workshop, which will be held at East Pierce Fire & Rescue Station 117 on May 8th.

Councilmember Davis:

Communities For Families (CFF) Meeting: Attended the Communities For Families meeting where they were reminded of the upcoming Lahar Dill on April 23rd, Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA on April 25th, the Summit on April 28th and the current Hill and Valley Shoe Drive.

Mayor Carter:

Pierce County Charter Review Commission: The Pierce County Charter Review Commission will be hosting a meeting in Bonney Lake at the Justice & Municipal Center (JMC) on April 20th at 6:00 PM. This is a public meeting, and all community members are encouraged to attend.

Senior Center Funding: The City successfully secured \$150,000 in funding for the Senior Center. This was made possible through the advocacy of our state representatives, following our recent lobbying efforts and active presence at the state level.

Angeline Road Roundabout Project: Pleased to announce that \$3.2 million has been secured for this construction project. This includes a \$1.2 million grant from the state and an additional \$2 million awarded through Representative Kim Schrier's office.

III. Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Swatman requested to move the February 24th City Council retreat minutes located within line item A to the Council workshop discussion items as item C for review.

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve as Amended . Councilmember Fullerton seconded the motion.

Motion approved as amended 7 – 0.

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** ~~February 24, 2026, City Council Retreat~~ (Moved to Workshop Discussion Item C) and March 3, 2026, Joint Planning Commission Meeting/City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. **Approval of Payroll:** February 16-28, 2026 For Checks #35407-35417 Including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers Totaling \$983,183.55. **Voids:** None.
- C. **Approval of Payroll:** March 1-15, 2026 For Checks #35418-35423 Including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers Totaling \$860,233.29. **Voids:** None.
- D. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Utility Refund/Checks/Vouchers:** For Checks/Vouchers #101079 to #101202, and Wire Transfers #20260121, #20260220, #20260312, #20260309, #2026305, and #51113225 in the amount of \$1,257,095.36. For Checks/Vouchers #101203 to #101289, and Wire Transfers #202603261, #202603262, #20260320, #51394717, and #20260302 in the amount of \$627,634.55. For Wire Transfer #20260228 For City Purchasing Cards in the amount of \$60,823.35. **Voids:** Check #100977, replaced with #101114. Check #1000682, replaced with #101205.

IV. Full Council Issues

- A. **AB26-30** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce

County, Washington, Authorizing Use Of Up to \$52,000 Of The General Fund Ending Balance To Complete Abatement Of The Real Property Located At 7222 193rd Street E, Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington.

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve AB26-30. Councilmember Fullerton seconded the motion.

The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Fence removal.
- Recouping of funds.
- Necessary spending such as hydro-seeding.
- Confirming correct street address as 193rd.

Motion approved as amended 7 – 0.

- B. **AB26-32** - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting Findings That The Maintenance Of A Central Index Of Records Is Unduly Burdensome And Establishing Policies For Public Access To Records; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve AB26-32. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Council had no discussion on this topic.

Motion Approved 7 – 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.

Robert Wright, spoke regarding an ongoing water leak issue. He presented supporting documentation to the Council and requested their assistance in resolving the matter.

Dan Decker, read a satirical piece titled, "The Meeting of Selective Outrage and the Lost Truth."

Jim Grob, expressed concerns regarding safety hazards on the Fennel Creek Trail and inquired about the City's current maintenance schedule for the area.

VI. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember Baldwin:

Leak Adjustment Policy Review: Requested that the leak adjustment portion of the City of Bonney Lake municipal code be referred to the Finance Committee for a formal re-review.

Fennel Creek Trail: Inquired about departmental responsibility for the Fennel Creek Trail. Public Services Director Sullivan clarified that while the City maintains certain sections and others are privately owned. Maintenance of City-owned portions is subject to available funding within the Parks budget. It was suggested that this issue be brought forth to the Pierce County Regional Council for funding assistance.

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Wanting to bring to the Council's attention that the City of Enumclaw is also facing similar challenges regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), highlighting concerns regarding lithium storage and the potential safety hazards.

Bonney Lake Triathlon: Group named Raise the Bar will be hosting the Bonney Lake Triathlon on August 30th.

Councilmember Fullerton:

Court Statement: Referenced her oath of office and expressed concern regarding an attempt by another council member to silence a citizen. She noted that holding public office places individuals in a "glass house" and shared that, while she has faced personal verbal attacks, she considers it part of the territory of public service. She expressed significant frustration regarding a false statement submitted to the Pierce County Superior Court that was attributed to her. She clarified that while she had a conversation with a citizen and wrote a statement, the version submitted to the court contained inaccuracies and outright lies. Stated that her reputation has been unfairly tarnished and requested it be noted for the public record that the claims made on her behalf are false. She emphasized the importance of this clarification to ensure these inaccuracies do not negatively impact her standing or any future pursuit of government positions.

VII. Workshop Discussion Items

A. Review of Minutes: March 10, 2026 City Council Minutes

The draft minutes were forwarded to the April 14, 2026, Meeting for approval.

B. City Council Budget Goals and Objectives Review

The Council approved the staff edits and suggestions to the City Council Budget Goals and Objectives subject to one addition, one clerical correction, and one better clarification:

Addition: At the request of Councilmember Davis, a “Funding for Partnership Strategy” was added. This addition directs the City to pursue public-private partnerships, sponsorship opportunities, and grants to support the development of long-term, sustainable major park projects, including the Bonney Lake Sports Complex, the Veterans Memorial, and ongoing park maintenance.

Clerical Correction: Councilmember Baldwin noted a misspelling in the Overall Vision section under the 6th bullet point. The word “identity” was corrected to “identify” regarding the strategy to identify incentives that encourage job development within East Town.

Better Clarification: Councilmember Baldwin asked that the retail theft under

With these changes noted, the Council approved all remaining edits.

C. February 24, 2026, City Council Retreat Minutes

Minor correction: Roman numeral VII, section C, will now read as “Deputy Mayor Swatman said that the Public Safety Tax is one of the preferred possibilities to further consider and look at.

VIII. Executive/Closed Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

At 8:11 p.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:

1. Water Leak Documentation - Robert Wright.
2. A Satire - Dan Decker.
3. Fennel Creek Trail Maintenance Concerns - Jim Grob.

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.