

City Council Meeting

August 11, 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 called the roll noting that Mayor Carter was not in attendance. 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, Police Chief Mark Berry, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Records & Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw and City Attorney Jennifer Robertson.

C. Agenda Modifications

None.

D. Announcements

1. Recognizing An Achievement (No Advance Material)

City Clerk Schaneman read a statement regarding the dedication required to achieve a Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation and presented the certificate to Records and Disclosure Coordinator Besaw, who in turn expressed her gratitude and thanked those who supported her along the way.

E. Appointments

1. **AB26-63** - A Motion of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Consenting To The Mayor's Reappointment of Civil Service Commissioner Susan Stinnet To A Civil Service Commissioner Position, With A Term Expiring April 6, 2032.

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Confirm AB26-63. Councilmember Fullerton seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

II. Council Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Swatman reported that the Finance Committee met in person and virtually today at 5:00 p.m. The Committee went through personnel updates, discussed the filling of the CFO position, workforce planning and approved their minutes.

Councilmember Baldwin reported the Public Safety Committee met in person and virtually today at 3:45 p.m. The Committee received an update from the Police Department, East Pierce Fire and Rescue, and Emergency Management; discussed the marine services patrol and held an open discussion regarding hazardous tree felling. Additional topics discussed included water safety at Allan Yorke Park, specifically addressing boat/jetski speeding and buoy visibility, Flock cameras, and traffic safety at the 200th Ave. Ct. E. intersection. The group also discussed possibly mirroring Marysville's new Ordinance on drug exposure for kids and approved their minutes.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- A. **Approval of Payroll:** July 1-16, 2026 For Checks #35511-35519 Including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers Totaling \$932,177.67. **Voids:** None.
- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable: 07/16/2026** voucher #102100 to #102197 in the amount of \$536,325.08. Wire transfers #202607161, #20260712, #20260716, #20260707, and #202607021 in the amount of \$68,061.72. **07/28/26** voucher #102198 to #102261 in the amount of \$104,022.42. Wire transfers #53429211, #20260721, #53403234 in the amount of \$95,933.06. **Voids:** Check # 102260 replaced with check #102261.
- C. **AB26-61** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce

County, Washington, Authorizing Award Of Contract To Creative Roof Solutions For The Bonney Lake Police Department Roofing Project.

- D. **AB26-65** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing Award Of Contract To National Facility Contractors For The Bonney Lake Police Department Flooring Project.

IV. Full Council Issues

- A. **AB26-50** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2027-2033)

Councilmember Fullerton moved to Approve AB26-50 . Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion.

The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Inlet Island Rd being added to the program.

Public Services Director Sullivan explained this could not be part of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- B. **AB26-69** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign Amendment #1 To The Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Bonney Lake And The Sumner – Bonney Lake School District To Extend The Expiration Date Of The Current Agreement From August 31, 2026 To August 31, 2027.

Councilmember Fullerton moved to approve AB26-69. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion.

Introduced by Public Services Director Sullivan, who gave an overview of the proposed interlocal agreement. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Interlocal agreement timeframes.
- Potential incoming revenue.

Councilmember McClimans noted historical challenges with partnership consistency, emphasizing the need for future contracts to be more mutually beneficial to the city, and Deputy Mayor Swatman concurred, highlighting the

importance of pursuing longer-term contract options in the future.

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.

Dan Decker, read a statement regarding forced city involvement and suggested changing the title of the Records and Disclosure Coordinator to Deputy City Clerk.

Jim Grobe, discussed recent tree felling, thanked those involved, inquired about regulations regarding trees on private property, and suggested applying for specific grants he had identified.

Maurice Priest raised concerns regarding Woodside Manor and an ordinance currently preventing a resident from occupying a recently purchased mobile home on their plot of land.

VI. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember Baldwin

Grant Writer Staffing:

Expressed regret that the city currently lacks a dedicated grant writer on staff to research and pursue available funding opportunities.

Councilmember Fullerton

Woodside Manor Affordable Housing & Ordinance:

Readdressed the Woodside Manor issue raised during public comments, emphasizing the importance of affordable housing for residents.

Public Services Director Sullivan outlined the available options for the affected citizens under the current city ordinance. Additional discussion points included the potential extension of a moratorium, the process for amending the ordinance, and the estimated timeframe for completion.

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to refer the issue to CDC for consideration.

Councilmember McClimans seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Deputy Mayor Swatman

Tree Felling Community Recognition:

Thanked citizen Jim Grobe and the other organizations for their ongoing work on the tree felling.

Planning Commission Update & IT Solution:

Announced new appointments to the Planning Commission and inquired about IT solutions for work-issued phone devices; the Administrative Director noted that a cost-effective, long-term solution had been identified.

WA-CELI Conference:

Shared positive feedback regarding attendance at the Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute (WA-CELI) and encouraged other members to attend future sessions.

Councilmember Rock

Future Contract Warranties:

Shared that she reviewed the awarded contract for the police department roof, expressed dissatisfaction with the warranty terms, and requested that stronger warranty requirements be incorporated into future bid specifications.

Councilmember Baldwin

Flock Safety Cameras:

Readdressed the topic of Flock safety cameras, inquiring about the council's current stance on their deployment.

Discussion points included grant funding opportunities for subsequent phases, long-term cost savings to support police department operations, and privacy concerns.

Council Direction: The council directed staff to communicate their approval to the Mayor, authorizing the system to be reactivated at his discretion.

VII. Workshop Discussion Items

A. Review of Minutes: July 21, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the July 21, 2026, Meeting were approved with minor corrections.

B. AB26-62 - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Relating To The Implementation Of A Public Safety Sales And Use Tax For Criminal Justice Purposes; Adding A New Chapter 3.46 Public Safety Sales And Use Tax To The Bonney Lake Municipal Code; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date. (No Advanced Material)

Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that approval of the tax would generate approximately \$770,000 annually, emphasizing the city's fiduciary responsibility to maintain a balanced budget and stating that delaying a decision results in ongoing financial loss.

Council engaged in a general discussion regarding public safety sales and use tax:

- Councilmember Davis supports the implementation, noting that there are benefits to the city and that it affects everyone who visits the city.
- Councilmember Baldwin expressed opposition, stating a general reluctance due to the feeling that people should be able to vote.
- Councilmember McClimans inquired about the underlying financial figures, noting that he does not recall ever seeing anything presented breaking down the numbers.

The council discussed potentially putting the matter to a public vote. Deputy Mayor Swatman expressed support for a public vote in theory but noted that because citizens have not been consistently present for the ongoing discussions, they may lack the information needed to make an informed vote.

Council requested that the mayor provide a clear, concise presentation outlining his case for the council. Deputy Mayor Swatman reminded the group that while the mayor can bring items forward for council review, he also retains the authority to include the measure directly in his proposed budget.

C. Shared Street Discussion

Public Services Director Sullivan provided a recap detailing the requirements and implications of implementing a shared street on Inlet Island.

The council expressed a lack of interest in shared streets, noting that their previous request had specifically asked for pricing on signage options.

Councilmember Baldwin raised concerns regarding dipping into reserves when the city had just previously stated it lacks available funds.

The possibility of putting the issue on a ballot was raised. The City Clerk reminded the council that adding measures to a ballot incurs significant costs, to which Deputy Mayor Swatman remarked that funding for something such as this is always available.

Following extensive discussion, the council reached a consensus to lower the speed limit signage from 25 mph to 20 mph, with direction to add this item to the work plan for early next year.

VIII. Executive/Closed Session

Deputy Mayor Swatman announced the City Council will meet in Closed Session with legal counsel for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) to discuss collective bargaining with no action to follow. Following that, they will hold two executive sessions with legal counsel per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the minimum real estate sale or lease price where public knowledge would cause a likelihood of a decreased price, for 15 minutes with no action to follow and then per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss potential litigation

with legal counsel, for 25 minutes with no action to follow.

Closed Session A convened at 8:37 p.m., with a five-minute extension granted at 8:57 p.m. **Executive Session B** convened at 9:02 p.m., and **Executive Session C** convened at 9:17 p.m., with a ten-minute extension granted at 9:37 p.m. Sessions concluded at 9:47 p.m.

- A. Closed Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), To Discuss A Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- B. Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c), To Consider The Minimum Price At Which Real Estate Will Be Offered For Sale Or Lease When Public Knowledge Regarding Such Consideration Would Cause A Likelihood Of Decreased Price.
- C. Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). To Discuss Potential Litigation With Legal Counsel.

IX. Adjournment

At 8:37 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Swatman with the common consent of the City Council.

Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

Dan Swatman, Deputy Mayor

Items presented to Council at the August 11, 2026, Meeting for the record:

1. Forced City involvement – Dan Decker.
2. Letter to Mayor and Council — Maurice Priest

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