

City Council Meeting

August 18, 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 Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Aaron Davis, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, and Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans. Councilmember Brittany Rock was not in attendance.

**Councilmember Fullerton moved to Excuse Councilmember Rock.
Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion.**

Motion approved 6 – 0.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were Police Chief Mark Berry, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, Assistant to City Administrator Leslie Harris, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, and Records & Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw.

C. Agenda Modifications

None.

D. Announcements

1. Beautify Bonney Lake Proclamation

Mayor Carter read the proclamation designating September as "Beautify Bonney Lake Month" in the City of Bonney Lake.

E. Presentations

1. Recognition of Service: Youth Arts Commissioner McKenna Kim-Locke.

Erin Olds introduced and recognized Youth Arts Commissioner McKenna Kim-Locke, highlighting her contributions to the city and expressing that she will be greatly missed.

II. Council Committee Reports

None.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Motion approved 6 – 0.

- A. **Approval of Payroll:** July 16-31, 2026 For Checks #35520-35531 Including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers Totaling \$1,012,945.90. **Voids:** None.
- B. **AB26-68** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting The Pierce County Regional Hazard Mitigation Base Plan (2025-2030) And City Of Bonney Lake Jurisdictional Annex.
- C. **AB26-66** - A Resolution Of The City Council For The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Judicial Branch Administrator To Enter An Interagency Agreement Between Washington State Administrative Office Of The Courts (AOC) And Bonney Lake Municipal and Sumner Municipal Courts Combined To Participate In The Pretrial Project Program, Contract #AOC3357, Funding: \$15,500.
- D. **AB26-67** - A Resolution Of The City Council For The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Judicial Branch Administrator To Enter An Interagency Agreement Between Washington State Administrative Office Of The Courts (AOC) And Bonney Lake Municipal And Sumner Municipal Courts Combined To Participate In The Post Conviction Alternative To Incarceration Program, Contract #AOC3474, Funding: \$15,000.

IV. Full Council Issues

None.

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 need a complete review of comments.

Dan Decker, spoke regarding documented facts about a Councilmember.

VI. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember Baldwin:

- **Marysville Ordinance:** Council discussed whether to mimic the Marysville ordinance by adopting a similar local code. It was noted that the key addition in Marysville's version is the inclusion of negligence. Topics of conversation included:
 - Misdemeanor versus gross misdemeanor classifications.
 - The difference between CBD and THC.
 - How to establish a case for negligence.

Chief of Police Berry provided detailed explanations of all of these points.

Council asked the Chief of Police to bring forward an updated Ordinance to review.

- **E-Bike Ordinance:** Council discussed whether to implement additional local regulations on e-bikes. During the discussion, Councilmember Baldwin inquired whether parents should be held more accountable. Key points covered included:
 - Balancing legislation with public education.
 - The possibility of citing parents for infractions.
 - State law regulations already in place.

Chief of Police Berry explained the distinction between an e-bike and an e-motorcycle, noting that since the new e-motorcycle policy was enacted, infractions have decreased following parent education. In response to the discussion on parent accountability, Councilmember Davis said his perspective is that the city should not attempt to legislate parental responsibility.

No action was taken.

- **"Raise the Bar" Event:** Shared that "Raise the Bar", a multi-sport triathlon organization, has taken over the event. Concerns were raised that last year's event did not go well and was poorly run, noting that others had to step in and pick up the slack. She had discussed with the Public Services Director Sullivan about possibly meeting with them to discuss how Bonney Lake processes hosting events and how to be more effective and responsive.

Mayor Carter:

- **Flock Cameras**: Following up on last week's conversation regarding Flock cameras, the Mayor determined that activating them is a sound protocol. They will be turned on through March 2027 to evaluate outcomes, share the wins with the public, and determine closer to March 2027 whether to continue their use.

VII. Workshop Discussion Items

A. Review of Minutes: August 11, 2026, City Council Minutes

Minutes from the August 11, 2026, Meeting were approved.

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)

The council engaged in an extensive discussion regarding the proposed public safety sales tax, city revenue, and potential budget cuts:

Deputy Mayor Swatman stated they were looking to the Mayor for leadership, while the Mayor expressed a desire to pass the measure as soon as possible.

Councilmember McClimans thanked staff for the information requested the previous week, but stated he could not support passing this, as it would violate campaign promises, inquiring instead about placing the matter on the 2027 ballot. The City Clerk informed the council that placing an item on the ballot requires meeting a specific legal deadline and would cost thousands of dollars.

The Mayor reiterated that passing the measure requires both generating new revenue and making budget cuts. Deputy Mayor Swatman agreed, noting that citizens would receive a good return because visitors also shop locally due to Bonney Lakes services and safety. However, he pointed out that ongoing delays and debate have already resulted in a \$600,000 revenue loss due to indecision.

The council reviewed city growth since 2018 relative to tax figures, questioned the dip in 2025 sales tax revenue, and examined past spending increases driven by inflation and state mandates.

Suggestions to boost revenue included hosting additional city events and hiring a full-time grant writer.

Some Council expressed a desire to see specific proposed budget/staffing cuts before

voting on the public safety sales tax.

No action was taken.

VIII. Executive/Closed Session- None

None.

IX. Adjournment

At 7:53p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter with the common consent of the City Council.

Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

Terry Carter, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the August 18, 2026, Meeting for the record:

1. Documents facts – Dan Decker.

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