

City Council Meeting

September 15, 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 6:00 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, 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, and City Clerk Sadie Schaneman.

Staff member(s) in virtual attendance were City Administrator John P. Vodopich.

C. Agenda Modifications

Mayor Carter announced there was an agenda modification request to move AB26-60 from the Consent Agenda to Council Full Issues as Item C.

Councilmember Fullerton moved to Approve moving AB26-60. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

D. Presentations

1. The Chamber Collective Quarterly Update

Assistant to the City Administrator Leslie Harris introduced Board President Gina Humphries who gave a presentation on the Chamber Collective quarterly updates.

The Council thanked the Chamber Collective for all their work this past year.

II. Council Committee Reports

None.

III. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Adopt as amended. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- A. **Approval of Payroll:** August 16-31, 2026 For Checks #35539-35548 Including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers Totaling \$989,548.35. **Voids:** None.
- B. ~~**AB26-60 - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Regarding Local Amendments To The International Building Code And International Residential Code; Repealing Subsections 15.04.082.Q, 15.04.083.E, And 15.04.083.Q Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code To Remove The Local Amendments For Residential Accessory Structures And Fire Separation Requirements Between Garages And Dwelling Units; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.**~~ (Moved to Full Council Issues, Item C.)

IV. Full Council Issues

- A. **AB26-62 - (Must make a decision this Council Meeting to make deadline) 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.**
Councilmember Fullerton moved to Approve AB26-62 - . Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Introduced by Deputy Mayor Swatman, who gave an overview of all the public safety tax discussions. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Councilmember McClimans - will be voting no. He has talked to citizens and feels there needs to be more education done to inform citizens of why the tax is needed. He would like to do an advisory vote in February 2027 and then possibly place the decision on the ballot for the citizens to vote if they want a tax or not.

- Councilmember Rock - reminded everyone that the tax is 1/10th of 1%. This means for every \$1,000 spent the tax will add \$1.00.
- Councilmember Fullerton - the tax affects everyone that shops in Bonney Lake not just the residents. The cost is rising for public safety items. This will help to maintain the same level of service.
- Councilmember Baldwin - said that the average yearly tax amount is \$100-\$200 for most people. She has talked to citizens and they are in support of public safety. She reminded everyone that the longer it takes to decide, the more the city is losing out on for money. The tax will help but it will not end the deficit the city is having. She is worried about maintain the level of service that residents expect currently if the city is needing to cut staff and programs.
- Deputy Mayor Swatman - stated that costs are just continuing to go higher, Administration have done cuts and are continuing to make cuts in the budget. Residents elected the Council to make responsible decisions that will be in their best interest. Bonney Lake is a nice place to shop in, we care about safety and people come from other cities to shop here.
- Councilmember Hubler - is worried residents that are already struggling will struggle more with the tax and small businesses will be affected if residents stop using them because they are struggling more.
- Councilmember Davis - this discussion and decision has helped to start conversations and ideas on other ways to bring in revenue so that the city won't have to do another tax later to help with the deficit, hopefully.
- Mayor Carter - the tries to run as lean as they can while providing good police services. Everyone including council is against taxes but by law cities need to present a balanced budget and without this tax, Bonney Lake would have a hard time presenting one. He is concerned about funding in the future if new ideas on revenue are not implemented.

Motion approved 5 – 2.

Councilmembers Hubler and McClimans voted no.

- B. **AB26-74** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign The Contract With MxM Architecture For The Design Of The Veterans Memorial Park And Memorial And Authorizing The Reappropriation Of \$134,725 From Park CIP.

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve AB26-74 - . Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.

Introduced by Public Services Director Sullivan who gave an overview of the Veterans Memorial Park and Memorial discussions and the process to continue with planning. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- the design proposal will help with what is needed
- after having a design, a plan can then be started

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- C. **AB26-60** - (Moved from Consent Agenda, Item B.) An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Regarding Local Amendments To The International Building Code And International Residential Code; Repealing Subsections 15.04.082.Q, 15.04.083.E, And 15.04.083.Q Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code To Remove The Local Amendments For Residential Accessory Structures And Fire Separation Requirements Between Garages And Dwelling Units; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Councilmember Baldwin moved to Approve AB26-60 - . Councilmember Fullerton seconded the motion.

Introduced by Public Services Director Sullivan who gave an overview of the suggested amendments to the residential accessory structures and fire separation requirements. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Sheds under 200 sq ft not needing permits
- Not needing the extra layer of sheet rock in the garage for fire safety
- Must still comply with setbacks
- Reduces building constraints

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, spoke on retaliatory misuse of authority as a Councilmember.

Dawn Land, spoke on protecting kids from adult entertainment within the city.

VI. Council Open Discussion

All Councilmembers

Adult Entertainment: Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- The newly amended lewd conduct ordinance that was passed by council
- Nice that the school district did not allow the drag show to use the school again this year
- Thanked the Public Safety Committee for helping to stop adult shows from being in public spaces
- Hopefully the new circuit court ruling will help the city be able to do more regulations
- An ordinance to stop adult entertainment where kids are in private businesses
- The ordinance is to protect children not adults
- Unexpected consequences for ordinance wording

Deputy Mayor Swatman

Traffic Control: Thanked the Mayor and staff for the three-way stop at Church Lake and West Tapps. It works nicely and helps with traffic.

Rite Aid Building: Harbor Freight will be moving into the building but currently Spirit

Halloween is using it for the Halloween season.

Budget: Budget cuts are coming and Council will need to make some hard decisions this budget cycle.

VII. Workshop Discussion Items

A. Review of Minutes: September 8, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes were forwarded to the October 6, 2026, Meeting for approval.

VIII. Executive/Closed Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

At 7:30 p.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 September 15, 2026, Meeting for the record:

1. Public comment – Dan Decker.
2. Public Comment - Dawn Land.

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