

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 18, 2025  
6:00 P.M.  
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

Audio starts at: 06:00 **I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Terry Carter, called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Audio starts at: 06:00 **II. ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor Terry Carter, elected officials attending were, Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Baldwin, Councilmember Aaron Davis (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), 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, Chief Finance Officer Cherie Reiersen, Police Chief Mark Berry, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, Customer Service Manager Stephanie Tonellato, and City Clerk Sadie Schaneman.

Staff members in virtual attendance were City Attorney Jennifer Robertson.

### III. AGENDA ITEMS:

Audio starts at: 6:02 A. **Review Of Council Minutes:** February 11, 2025, City Council Meeting.

The draft minutes were forwarded with corrections to the February 25, 2025, Meeting for approval.

Audio starts at: 6:02 B. **Council Open Discussion:**

*Councilmember McClimans:*

Contracts. Asked for Councilmembers to review 10-year long term contracts. He does not agree with citizens having to be in a contract for that long because of Council approving the term.

Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Get a copy of original contract before coming to Council
- Log Councilmembers that are for and against the long term contract terms for the next renewal

- Writing a Resolution/Policy on contracts above 5 year terms
- Possibly having Public Hearings for contracts over 5 years

*Councilmember McClimans:*

Tree Canopy. Reminding Council that removing the same if not more tree canopy at Viking Park as at Lake Bonney area. He would like to post notices to be ahead of the comments that might come in.

*Councilmember Baldwin:*

Retail Theft. Had witnessed a person going into a retail store and take some merchandise and run out the door without paying. She is wondering if there is something that Council or the City could do to help try and stop the retail theft.

Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Writing a letter and try to get collaboration with other cities to send to legislators Council
- Hiring a Lobbyist
- Fight against some the laws that Legislators pass down to cities that Bonney Lake does not agree with
- Passing Municipal Codes for specific crimes
- Having Bonney Lake Police Chief bring forward any new laws/bills that he has concerns with

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- C. **Discussion/Action: AB25-11 – Ordinance D25-11 – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Regarding Amending The BLMC Title 13 To Account For The City Changing Over From Bi-Monthly Utility Bills To Monthly Utility Bills; Amending Chapters 13.04, 13.12 And 13.20 Of The Bonney Lake Municipal Code (BLMC) For The Purpose Of Changing Over From Bi-Monthly Utility Bills To Monthly Utility Bills; Amending Sections 13.04.080.B, 13.04.100.F.2, 13.12.082, And 13.20.010.D, Changing To Charging Customer On A Monthly Basis For Water Availability And Consumption, Changing The Period Of Charges To Be Reimbursed For A Leak Adjustment From 120 To 90 Days, Changing The Sewer Availability And Volumetrics To A Monthly Charge, And Stating That Meters Will Be Read Monthly; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.**

**Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to approve Ordinance D25-11.  
Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion.**

1. Discussion.

Chief Financial Officer Reiersen and Customer Service Manager Tonellato answered questions and explained the changes for going to monthly utility billing instead of bi-monthly billing. Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Benefits for citizens
- Leak adjustment notifications
- Ease of reading meters
- Adding to the Corrections section of Ordinances to updated language

**Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to amend Ordinance D25-11 with updated language for the Corrections Section as suggested by the City Attorney. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion.**

**Amending Corrections Section of Ordinances approved 7 - 0**

2. Citizen Comments.

No citizen comments were made.

3. Action.

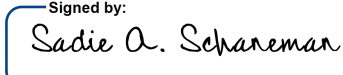
**Ordinance D25-11 approved as amended 7 - 0.**

**Councilmember Hubler thanked Public Works for all their hard work on keeping the streets drivable during the snow storm.**

**IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.**

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:25 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, CMC, City Clerk

Signed by:  
  
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 Terry Carter, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the February 18, 2025, Workshop: None

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