

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 8, 2021

The Bonner Springs City Council met in Workshop session at 7:00 p.m.

The Council met in Executive Session to discuss nonelected personnel matters pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1).

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Harrington, Shannon, Mackey, Thompson, Wood, Stephens, Kipp and Reeves. Councilmember Gurley was absent.

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Matt Zayas, Assistant to the City Manager; Frank Abart, Public Works Director and Chris Jennings, Fire/EMS Director

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and asked Pastor Flournoy, Church of the Living God, to lead the invocation.

The Mayor presented a proclamation to members of the Bonner Springs VFW recognizing Veterans' Day.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda – None Presented.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items and asked the staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed.

1. Minutes of the October 25, 2021 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Third Quarter 2020 Financial Reports
4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Ordinance approving the placement of an additional stop sign at West Insley Avenue and Bluegrass Drive** – Shannon moved and Mackey seconded to adopt an ordinance amending the City of Bonner Springs Local Traffic Control Regulations Code, Section 14-202 adding an additional stop sign at W. Insley and Bluegrass Drive, making the intersection a four-way stop. Motion failed on a vote of three to four with Shannon, Thompson and Kipp voting in favor.
2. **FY 2022 Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Agreement** - Wood moved and Thompson seconded authorizing the City Manager to sign and execute the Sub-award Agreement required for participation in the STEP program. Unanimous approval.
3. **2022-26 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)** – Mackey moved and Stephens seconded to approve the 2022-26 Capital Improvement Plan. Unanimous approval.
4. **Ordinance Approving a Franchise Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, dba AT&T Kansas** – Shannon moved and Mackey seconded to adopt an ordinance approving a franchise agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, dba AT&T Kansas. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2518
5. **Ordinance to Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Employment Agreement with the City Manager** - Thompson moved and Shannon seconded to adopt an ordinance approving the Fourth Amendment to the Employment Agreement with the City Manager. Unanimous approval, Assigned Ordinance No. 2519.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report

- Attended a meeting in Topeka with the Lt. Governor regarding the Unified Government's fiber project.
- Candy Cane Christmas and the Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be December 4, 2021. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the parade.
- The Assistant City Manager is working with the owner(s) of 125 Oak Street to apply for a HEAL grant.
- The State legislature is working on redistricting. The new City Hall will be used as a local listening site for redistricting meetings on November 30th. The City will review Wards when Census information is available.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

Mackey stated Wyandotte County Economic Development projects have made local news and social media.

Wood thanked everyone for allowing people to speak their minds.

Kipp thanked the City Manager and staff.

Stephens thanked staff and stated the Library and the Recreation Department held successful Halloween events

Reeves thanked staff for cleaning up Spring Creek and asked about possibly installing school zone signs and reducing the speed at West Insley and Bluegrass.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Noted storm water inlets around the post office are plugged
- Stated he saw a tint of green in the landscaping mats, indicating grass is starting to grow.
- The community is still being impacted by COVID-19 and encouraged everyone to get vaccinations and boosters as soon as they are available.
- Invited everyone to attend the Candy Cane Christmas and Mayor's Tree Lighting event on December 4th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk