



# City of Bonner Springs

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### Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting Minutes January 15, 2026

#### **JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING - 6:30 P.M.**

**Council Present:** Mayor Stephens, Councilmembers Reeves, Long, Blanks, McMahan, Wood, Gurley, Kipp and Shannon.

**Planning Commission Present:** Chair Greg Gebauer, Commissioners Zeps, Perica and Neff. Cruse, Bombardier and Mesmer were absent.

**City Staff Present:** Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Kile Meierarend, City Planner; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Director; Michael Kelling, Police Captain and Heather Pate, Police Captain

The mayor opened the workshop session at 6:34 p.m.

#### **PRESENTATIONS –**

- 1. Storage Container Regulation Update** - The community development director presented an overview of the history of the storage/shipping container regulations and the proposed regulations in Municipal Code 11-414. Attendees discussed different regulations based on zoning, requirements for screening and restrictions on the number of units on a property. Concerns were brought up about regulation based on lot size. Staff is looking for input prior to presenting the proposed regulations to the Planning Commission for consideration.
- 2. Short-Term Rental Regulations** - The city planner presented some of the “peer city” comparisons she found for short term rental regulations; Lansing and KCK require special use permits, most cities have an annual regulation permit such as a business license. Currently, the UDO doesn't regulate. The state of Kansas allows up to seven (7) guests before requiring a lodging license. The current proposal is a one-year pilot program, to come before the City Council in March, to promote tourism in the downtown district. The city planner reviewed definitions of terms and the proposed guidelines for permitting, licensing, inspections, etc. Chad Chadwick, MacGrantwood, provided his insight as a realtor, as to purchasing a property specifically to use for short-term rentals and the regulations around short-term rentals in place by the listing companies. Staff will compile all the comments and ideas voiced during the meeting and will work on regulations to present to the Planning Commission for consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion to adjourn the Joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting at 8:45 p.m. was made and seconded. Unanimous approval.

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Christina Brake, City Clerk