

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 22, 2021

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

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; 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 Councilmember Thompson to lead the invocation.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda – Clifton Boje, 222 Oak St. spoke to the Council about what he believes their role to be in governing.

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. Councilmember Gurley requested Item No. 4 be removed for separate discussion.

1. Minutes of the November 8, 2021 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request – Candy Cane Christmas and Mayor's Tree Lighting
4. Public Use Request – Holiday Light and Magic Event

Reeves moved and Mackey seconded to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 3 as presented. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Consent Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Use Request – Holiday Light and Magic Event** –The owner of Jolt Lighting, LLC was contacted by and received approvals from the Unified Government believing Wyandotte County Park was within their jurisdiction. He was unaware that he needed approvals from Bonner Springs. City staff contacted the owner to advise him of the needed approvals and he was very cooperative in submitting the necessary paperwork. Staff discussed the event with Bonner Springs Police department who had no reservations about the event. Reeves moved and Mackey seconded to approve the Public Use Request for the Holiday Light and Magic event. Unanimous approval.
2. **Approve Notice of Public Hearing and Schedule Public Hearing for 2021 Budget Amendments** – Thompson moved and Stephens seconded to approve the public hearing notice and schedule the public hearing for the 2021 budget amendments. Unanimous approval.
3. **Use of 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Water Treatment Plant Project** - Mackey moved and Gurley seconded to approve use of the 2021 ARPA funds received plus interest earned for the payment of a portion of the Water Treatment Plant project. Unanimous approval.
4. **Establish Rates for New Fire/EMS Positions** – Mackey moved and Reeves seconded to approve pay rates for new Fire/EMS positions as presented. Unanimous approval.
5. **Agreement with Kansas Department of Children and Families for Utility Assistance** – Gurley moved and Mackey seconded to enter into an agreement with the Kansas Department of Children and Families to provide water and wastewater assistance payments to the City. Unanimous approval.
6. **City Council Meeting Dates and Holidays for 2022** - Stephens moved and Gurley seconded to approve Option 1, which included Juneteenth, for City Council meeting dates and holidays. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report

- Talked with the unified Government about the GoDotte initiative.
- Discussed the infrastructure bill and its impact on the Water Treatment Plant, meters and water lines
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

Reeves wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Stephens asked if the ownership situation at 125 Oak Street would impede applying for a grant.

Kipp asked if staff could provide a summary of information about the water plant for Councilmembers to share.

Mackey reminded people to watch President Biden's eloquent speech.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Invited everyone to attend the Candy Cane Christmas and Mayor's tree Lighting on December 4th.
- The Police department is accepting new coats, hats and mittens for their coat drive.
- Feed His Lambs is in need of peanut butter and jelly over the holidays. Donations can be taken to the United Methodist Church.
- Someone asked the mayor why the dias was so elevated in the Council Room and he wanted to let everyone know it was built to the height of the original stage in the room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk