

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 28, 2022

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

Councilmembers present: Shannon, Long, Thompson, Wood, Gurley, Kipp, Council President Stephens and Reeves. Mayor Harrington was absent.

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk and Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager

1. **Executive Session** – Preliminary Discussion for Property Acquisition.

Gurley moved and Reeves seconded to go into executive session to discuss preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:20 pm. Unanimous approval.

Stephens moved and Gurley seconded to resume the open meeting with no action taken at 7:24 p.m. Unanimous approval.

The workshop session adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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

Councilmembers present: Shannon, Long, Thompson, Wood, Gurley, Kipp, Council President Stephens and Reeves. Mayor Harrington was absent.

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Matt Zayas, City Manager's Assistant and Justine Spease, Recreation Manager

The Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and asked Councilmember Thompson to lead the invocation.

The Council observed a moment of silence for John Claxton.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda –

Cody Waterman, 408 Arthur, spoke as Pastor of Proclaim Church and read Romans 13:3 from *The Bible*.

Clifton Boje, 222 Oak Street, read verses from *The Bible* and a resolution that he asked the City Council to consider adopting at a future meeting declaring "Bonner Springs a safe city for the pre-born".

John Coleman Barber, 205 W. Morse read some statistics about abortion in Kansas and supported Mr. Boje's request for a resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Council President 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 February 14, 2022 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. 4th Quarter 2021 Financial Statements
4. KDOT CCLIP Resurfacing Project Supplemental Agreement

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

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **2022 Lifeguard Certification reimbursement Program** – Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve the Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement Program. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report

- Encouraged everyone to check out the City's website for upcoming Parks and Recreation programs.
- Staff submitted a BASE Grant application for \$24 million.
- The public art program that staff has been working on for many years will begin with the selected sculpture through the Sculpture on the Move program. The 8-foot tall piece will be displayed in Centennial Park.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Wood is happy with the wonderful programs the City provides.
- Gurley asked when staff expects to hear a decision on the BASE grant application. The City Manager expects to hear back within a few weeks.
- Gurley asked about liability for the sculpture once it is placed.
- Kipp stated he expects great attendance at the Chamber of Commerce dinner with the outstanding speaker.
- Kipp asked if the grant approval is "all or nothing" or if portions may be approved.
- Reeves stated his neighbors were having problems with a construction company they hired and he appreciated the City Manager's help determining who was responsible for permits.
- Reeves reported his street has potholes and alligator cracking.
- Reeves asked if the base at Centennial Park is large enough for the sculpture piece.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- No report given in the Mayor's absence.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Christina Brake, City Clerk