

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 11, 2022

The Bonner Springs City Council met in Workshop session at 6:30 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk and Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Frank Abart, Public Works Director; Mark Lee, City Planner; Matt Beets, Deputy Public Works Director; Matt Zayas, City Manager's Assistant; Mark Stites, Nuisance Codes Officer and Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Coordinator

1. **Public Works 2021 Review** – the Public Works Director presented a review of 2021 and answered questions.
2. **Economic Development 2021 Review** – the Assistant City Manager presented a review of 2021 and answered questions.

The workshop session adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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The Council President 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.

PRESENTATIONS

1. The Mayor presented a proclamation to Debra Liles, Kansas First Judicial District Casa Association recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month.
2. The Mayor presented a proclamation to Ruth Baum Bigus, Faith Always Wins Foundation, recognizing the Seven Days- Make a Ripple, Change the World event.
3. The Mayor presented a proclamation to Barb Bille, KACE President and Mark Stites, Nuisance Code Officer recognizing Kansas Association of Code Enforcement Month.

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 March 28, 2022 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request – Makers fair

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

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **MPR Presentation – Health Insurance Renewals 2022-2023** – Doreen Hull, Midwest Public Risk, presented an overview of the health benefits packages available to staff for 2022-2023. No action taken.
2. **Pavement Overlay Program Presentation** – The Deputy Public Works Director presented an overview of the streets designated for the 2022 overlay program. No action taken.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report:

- City staff have posted and distributed two surveys for future planning and encouraged anyone involved in the city to complete them, not just residents.
- The City has two events going on this spring; the Farmer's Market begins May 7th and Parks and Recreation is hosting a virtual Easter Egg Hunt.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Reeves stated he is happy to be here.
- Stephens announced he has a new granddaughter.
- Kipp asked about the meeting with the commissioners. The City Manager responded it was good, they discussed county-wide objectives and the BPU billing policy charging a PILOT fee to. Staff is investigating if the PILOT fee is applicable outside of Kansas City, Kansas. He also stated Chief Naff met with Sheriff Soptic regarding the Loring Service Area.
- Wood thanked staff for making the City better.
- Thompson asked someone to look at the drainage ditch behind the residence at Emerson and Murphy. He asked about the possibility of making Emerson and Murphy a four-way stop. He asked if staff has a timeline for the 138th Street project south of Kansas Avenue. The City Manager stated the project is three-part; Kump to Morse (scheduled for 2022/2023) Morse to Metropolitan (unscheduled) and Metropolitan north (unscheduled). Stormwater projects continue to be a challenge due to limited funds.
- Long thanked everyone for their presentations and encouraged everyone to participate in upcoming local events.
- Shannon asked what is tactical maneuver training? The City Manager explained it is a procedure for stopping vehicles during pursuits and stated Douglas County provides the training for our officers.
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Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Thanked City Staff for their professional reports
- Appreciated the information provided by MPR
- Congratulated KU for winning the NCAA basketball tournament.
- Asked if staff knows a time schedule for the Starbucks opening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk