



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes February 23, 2026

WORKSHOP – 6:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Matt Beets, Public Works Director; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager;

1. **Centennial Park Expansion** - The economic development manager presented information about the proposed extension to Centennial Park. The developer hopes to start work in April 2026 and complete the project within six months.

The economic development manager also presented possibilities for a sound system in the park extension and on Oak St

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; James Zeeb, Fire Chief and Michael Kelling, Police Captain

The mayor led the Pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA –

- Bobby Hodge, 111 E. Kump, was concerned about vandalism and graffiti in the area. Staff asked Mr. Hodge to follow up with the police department.
- Greg Gibson, 13116 Heritage Dr., was concerned about Old Dominion trucks using Kansas Ave. and 129th St. He is concerned about safety and the wear and tear on city streets. Gibson stated the Bonner Springs Code Chapter 15, Article 2.15-202 restricts the weight load on city streets and 129th is not listed as one of the exceptions.

PRESENTATIONS –

1. **District Attorney Mark DuPree** – The District Attorney presented information about the statutory understanding of the DA's office and their procedures, and answered questions.

CONSENT AGENDA – Reeves moved and McMahan seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval

1. Minutes of the February 9, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

OLD BUSINESS - None presented

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Resolution for Legal Services Agreement Related to the AFFF Product Liability Litigation** - Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the legal services agreement with Stag Liuzza, LLC, and Perry & Trent LLC, for services related to action or claims in the Aqueous Film-Forming Foams product liability litigation. Unanimous approval.
Assigned resolution No. 2026-01.
2. **BSCP-02-24 - Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Future Land Use Map Amendment** - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded, to adopt an ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan of Bonner Springs and its planning area. Unanimous approval.
Assigned Ordinance No. 2609.
3. **BSRZ-03-25 - Rezoning - Bungalows at Bonner Springs** - Shannon moved to adopt an ordinance approving the rezoning request for the Bungalows at Bonner Springs. The motion failed from lack of a second. Gurley moved, and Wood seconded, to remand the item back to the Planning Commission for further discussion and consideration of the traffic study and accept public comment again, at the next Planning Commission meeting, and return the application with a recommendation to the Council. The motion passed on a 7-1 vote. McMahan dissented and Shannon abstained.
4. **MC-02-26 - Municipal Code Amendment - Floodplain Regulation Update** - Blanks moved and Reeves seconded to approve an ordinance adopting the Floodplain Management Regulations - 2025 Edition, for the City and the Unincorporated Area of Wyandotte County and Repeal Ordinance No. 2402 adopted on July 13, 2015. Unanimous approval.
Assigned Ordinance No. 2611.
5. **Acceptance of Pool Painting Bid** - McMahan moved and Shannon seconded to accept the bid for pool painting from Dayco Painting Inc. in the amount of \$69,500. Unanimous approval.
6. **Center Park Shelter Purchase** - Shannon moved and Wood seconded to approve the purchase of a shelter from Icon Shelter Systems for \$45,277.90. Unanimous approval.
7. **North Park Playground Purchase** - Long moved and Blanks seconded to approve the purchase of a Natural Landscapes playground from Fry & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$275,000. Unanimous approval.
8. **Intergovernmental Service Agreement with Lenexa** - Gurley moved and Long seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an intergovernmental service agreement with Lenexa for joint trips. Unanimous approval.
9. **Final Payment to Atmos Energy - 138th Street Gas Main Relocation** - Shannon moved and Reeves seconded to approve final payment for relocation of natural gas facilities associated with the 138th Street Improvements Project to Atmos Energy Corporation in the amount of \$704,709.23. Unanimous approval.
10. **Elect Council President** - Blanks moved and Long seconded to elect Councilmember Dani Gurley to the Council President position. Unanimous approval. Gurley abstained.

REPORTS

City Manager's Report – The City manager reported she went to the Associated General Contractors of America Award luncheon to receive the award of honor for the water treatment plant on behalf of the city.

City Council Items

- Shannon thanked Gurley.
- Kipp thanked Shannon for his service as Council President and congratulated Gurley on her appointment as the next Council President.
- Gurley thanked the council for their vote of confidence.
- Wood stated that Bonner is a great place to be.

- McMahan encouraged everyone to continue to support local businesses. Let's figure out how to do all the Centennial Park extension to improve downtown. He appreciates the Shiners' investment in the community. Density is going to be an issue.
- Blanks stated she appreciates City staff acting professionally.
- Reeves stated he is happy to be here.

Mayor's Report – The Mayor thanked Councilmember Shannon for filling in while he was absent for the birth of his grandchild. He also reminded council members to turn in their city manager evaluations and feedback to the city clerk in time for an executive session at the March 9th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Gurley moved and Blanks seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 10:21 p.m.
Unanimous
approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk