



# City of Bonner Springs

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### City Council Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026

#### **WORKSHOP – 6:15 P.M.**

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

**City Staff Present:** Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager; James Zeeb, Fire Chief and Mike Roe, Deputy Fire Chief; Kirk Reimer, System Administrator; Billy Naff, Police Chief, Michael Kelling, Police Captain

#### **2025 Annual Department Reviews: Police, Fire, Recreation, IT**

1. Police Chief Billy Naff presented the annual review of the Police department.
2. Fire Chief James Zeeb presented the annual review of the Fire department.
3. Recreation Director, Justine Spease, presented the annual review of the Recreation department.
4. System Administrator, Kirk Reimer, presented the annual review of the IT department.

The workshop adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

#### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:37 P.M.**

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

**City Staff Present:** Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; Tillie Laplante, Finance Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager; Matt Beets, Public Works Director; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Mike Roe, Deputy Fire Chief; Michael Kelling, Police Captain and Kirk Reimer, IT System Administrator.

The mayor led the Pledge of allegiance.  
Jim Jenkins, VFW Chaplain, provided the invocation.

#### **PRESENTATIONS –**

1. Proclamation - Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day - Mayor Stephens presented a proclamation to members of VFW Post 6401 recognizing Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.
2. Swear In New Fire Department Personnel - The City clerk administered the oath to four new fire department personnel: Travis Alderson, Firefighter/Paramedic; Dylan Brunner, Firefighter/EMT; Grace Douglas, Firefighter/EMT and Trevor Obershaw, Firefighter/EMT.
3. Wyandotte Behavioral Health Network - Randy Callstrom, President & CEO, Wyandotte Behavioral Health Network, presented information about the resources they provide.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA** – None presented.

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

1. Minutes of the March 9, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request - Farmers' Market

**OLD BUSINESS** - None presented

**NEW BUSINESS** -

1. **Lions Park Ballfields Lighting - Change Order - Field 2 Baseball Lighting** - Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to approve the change order to include Field 2 lighting upgrades for \$122,880. Unanimous approval.
2. **Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Water Plant Loan Agreement Amendment No. 3 - Final** -Gurley moved and Reeves seconded to approve KDHE State Revolving Loan 3067 Amendment #3 for the Water Treatment Plant. Unanimous approval.
3. **Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee 2026 Funding Recommendations** - Shannon moved and Long seconded to approve funding in the amount of \$45,262 for Substance Abuse Programs as recommended by the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee.  
Kim Blewski, USD204 School Nurse Coordinator, Kristi Flack, Delaware Ridge School Nurse and Brittney Atwood, BSHS School Nurse, spoke in support of the drug and alcohol advisory committee's recommendations. Unanimous approval.
4. **Bid Award - Fire Department Garage Door Replacement** - Shannon moved and Wood seconded to award the bid to replace the fire station garage bay doors to DH Pace/Overhead Doors in the amount of \$114,172. Unanimous approval.
5. **Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement** - Reeves moved and Long seconded to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the Greater Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2026-02.
6. **Ordinance to Amend Chapter III Beverages, Article 9. Common Consumption Area, of the Code of the City of Bonner Springs** - Wood moved and Gurley seconded to adopt an ordinance to Amend Chapter III Beverages, Article 9. Common Consumption Area, of the Code of the City of Bonner Springs.  
Bobby Hodge, Jr., 111 E Kump, asked the objective of the Common Consumption Areas and asked about consequences of violating the CCA regulations. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2610.

**REPORTS**

**City Manager's Report** – The city manager reported repairs from the lightning strike almost complete; the flooring will be repaired soon. City staff recognized Juli Hurley with Municipal Court this month for professionalism and kindness.

**City Council Items**

- Kipp had a ride along with the police department and got to see the drug dog in action. He commended their outstanding professionalism. He was thankful for the reminder that while the rest of us are

sleeping, the police department is working to keep us safe. The Penguin Plunge at the Lake of the Forest was successful, and broke their record for the number of plungers.

- Shannon noticed the sign advising of an upcoming stop on Kansas Avenue is leaning and needs to be repaired.
- Reeves stated Metropolitan has quite a few potholes on the south side.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Stephens reported he has also done a ride along and would encourage others to do it. The Penguin Plunge had a phenomenal turnout. He thanked KDOT for replacing the 55-mph speed limit sign on K-7.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:32 p.m. Unanimous approval.

\_\_\_\_\_ Christina Brake, City Clerk