



# City of Bonner Springs

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### City Council Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026

#### **WORKSHOP – 6:30 P.M.**

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

**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, Megan Gililand, Economic Development Coordinator; Matt Beets, Public Works Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director and Michael Kelling, Police Captain

#### **2025 Annual Department Reviews: Public Works, Economic Development/Tourism and City Clerk –**

1. Matt Beets, Public Works Director, presented the annual review of the Public Works Department.
2. Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Coordinator, presented the annual review of Economic Development/Tourism
3. The City Clerk's presentation was moved to the next Council meeting.

#### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.**

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

**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, Megan Gililand, Economic Development Coordinator; Matt Beets, Public Works Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Michael Kelling, Police Captain and Jack Granath, Library Director

The mayor led the Pledge of allegiance.

#### **PRESENTATIONS –**

1. Proclamation - SevenDays Make Ripple, Change the World - The mayor presented a proclamation to SevenDays organization board member, Tim Osborn.
2. Proclamation - National Child Abuse Prevention Month - The mayor presented a proclamation to representatives from the First Judicial District CASA Association recognizing National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
3. Proclamation - Arbor Day - The mayor presented a proclamation to members of the Bonner Beautiful Commission recognizing Arbor Day.
4. Proclamation - National Library Week - The mayor presented a proclamation to Jack Granath, Bonner Springs Library director, Claudia Patrick, Board of Trustees and Friends of the Library, and Leslie Lard, Assistant Library Director recognizing National Library Week.

5. Bonner Springs Fire Department - IMPPACT – Integrated Mental Physical Psychological Awareness Communication Tactics - James Zeeb, Fire Chief, introduced Andy Traub, Traub and Associates Consulting, LLC. Chief Zeeb and Mr. Traub presented the Integrated Mental Physical Psychological Awareness Communication Tactics (IMPPACT). The program provides training and tools to help first responders communicate with individuals and de-escalate situations. The Bonner Springs Fire Department members have been instrumental in engaging the department in the IMPPACT program.

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

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

1. Minutes of the March 23, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request - Makers' Fair
4. Public Use Request - Tot Trot
5. Public Use Request - Bayles Block Party
6. Public Use Request - Summer Concert Series

**OLD BUSINESS** - None presented

**NEW BUSINESS** -

1. **BSRZ-03-25 - Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan Request for the Bungalows at Bonner Springs** – Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to adopt an ordinance approving the rezoning and preliminary development plan request for the Bungalows at Bonner Springs. The motion carried on a six to one vote with McMahan dissenting. Assigned Ordinance No. 2612.
2. **BSRZ-01-26 – Rezoning Request for 236 Santa Fe Road** - Gurley moved and Wood seconded to adopt an ordinance approving the rezoning request for 236 Santa Fe Rd. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2613
3. **BSRZ-02-26 – Rezoning Request for Destination KCK** - Shannon moved and Reeves seconded to adopt an ordinance approving the rezoning request for Destination KCK. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2614
4. **Fire Station Alerting System - BRYX** - Gurley moved and Wood seconded to authorize the repair and upgrade of the BRYX alerting system at the Bonner Springs Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$55,285, and authorize annual maintenance and service fees in an amount of \$3,000. Unanimous approval.
5. **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,000,000 to Fund the Cost of Improvements to Lift Station No. 2** - Blanks moved and Shannon seconded to adopt a resolution to authorize the City to proceed with sewer improvements, authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and establish project authority in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000. Unanimous approval. Assigned resolution No. 2026-03.
6. **Lift Station No. 2 Replacement – Engineering Design Services** - Shannon moved and Reeves seconded to authorize the city manager to execute an agreement with Wilson & Company for engineering design and bidding services for the replacement of Lift Station No. 2 in the amount of \$110,396. Unanimous approval.
7. **Award Bid - 2026 Annual Mowing Services Agreement** - Reeves moved and Gurley seconded to award the bid for the 2026 Annual Mowing Services Agreement to Lawn Force for contract mowing services at various City-owned properties for an amount not to exceed \$3,482 per mowing. Unanimous approval.
8. **Ordinance to Update Compensation for City Attorney** - Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to adopt an ordinance updating the City Attorney's compensation. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2615.

## REPORTS

**City Manager's Report** – The city manager reminded everyone of the growth and strategic planning meeting on Monday, April 20th. It will include the City Council, the Planning Commission and department heads. The city is providing sandwiches.

### City Council Items

- Shannon thanked the city manager and public works director for patching that was completed on Metropolitan Avenue.
- Gurley stated the work on 138th Street is ongoing and looks great.
- Wood verified the time and location of the upcoming joint council and planning commission meeting.
- McMahan commended Mr. Osborn from SevenDays. Stated he appreciated the fire department's participation in the IMPPACT program. Stated he enjoyed the Tacoish food truck at Range 23 last Thursday and encouraged everyone to participate in the Mother's Day weekend breakfast at CST Sweets.
- Blanks thanked Council member McMahan for promoting local businesses. The Chamber is hosting a happy hour on April 16th at Gorilla exteriors. The Chamber is hosting an afternoon affair, on Friday, April 17th, at Yowza Antiques. The following week, Range 23 is hosting KSHB community conversations from 5-7pm. On Saturday, April 25th, Jerry Lee Jarrett Life Center is hosting a fundraising spaghetti lunch from 11am-1pm
- Reeves stated the Bonner Beautiful budget needs to be increased. They would like a substantial increase to revamp all the garden areas in the city and do some work on the Centennial Park gazebo. He thanked staff for the road patches on Metropolitan Ave. He commented the sign for the new QuikTrip is very small. He asked if the City could allow a bigger sign? The city manager stated QuikTrip submitted an application for a sign variance which was considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals, and was denied. Reeves stated John and Frieda Reynolds donated a large cotton American Flag to the city to be used by a civic organization.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Stephens reported staff is working on coordinating a Dumpster Days event for Bonner Springs residents. The mayor asked if firefighters involved in the incident four weeks ago are doing ok. Chief Zeeb indicated peer support was offered to both Fire and Police employees. Mayor Stephens drove through downtown and was happy to report he had to park in a lot because he couldn't find a parking spot on Oak Street because the businesses were thriving.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Gurley moved and Reeves seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:19 p.m. Unanimous approval.

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