



City of Bonner Springs

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City Council Meeting Minutes April 27, 2026

WORKSHOP – 6:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; James Zeeb, Fire Chief, Matt Beets, Public Works Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Jack Granath, Library Director; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Michael Kelling, Police Captain and Heather Pate, Police Captain.

2025 Annual Department Reviews: Library, Community Development and City Clerk/Municipal Court/Tiblow Transit

1. Jack Granath, Library Director, presented the annual review of the Bonner Springs Library.
2. Mark Lee, Community Development Director, presented the annual review of Community Development
3. Christina Brake, City Clerk, presented the annual review of the City Clerk, Municipal Court and Tiblow departments.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; James Zeeb, Fire Chief, Matt Beets, Public Works Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Jack Granath, Library Director; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Michael Kelling, Police Captain and Heather Pate, Police Captain.

The mayor led the Pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA –

Jeff Breedlove, 830 S. 132nd St., storm drain dumps into his land. Washing yard out, big sinkhole, has talked to neighboring landowner who has agreed to have the drain dump into his property instead. 4 years ongoing.

CONSENT AGENDA –

Gurley requested the Public Use Request Item be considered separately.

Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve the consent agenda, including items 1-3. Unanimous approval.

1. Minutes of the April 13, 2026 City Council Meeting -
2. Minutes of the April 20, 2026 Planning for Growth Joint Special Meeting -
3. Claims for City Operations –

Blanks moved and Shannon seconded to approve the public use request without the fees waived. Unanimous approval.

4. Public Use Request - Bonner Springs Business Club - --- moved and ---- seconded to approve the public use request as presented.

OLD BUSINESS - None presented

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Purchase Pedestrian Bridges for Lion's Park** - Shannon moved and Reeves seconded, to approve the purchase of two (2) prefabricated pedestrian bridges for installation over Spring Creek at Lion's Park from Bridge Brothers in the amount of \$95,936. Unanimous approval.
2. **Development of a Water Distribution System Master Plan and a Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan** - Blanks moved and Long seconded, to approve the proposal for professional engineering services to develop a Water Distribution System Master Plan, and a Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan, from Wilson & Company in the total amount of \$150,000. Unanimous approval.
3. **Purchase Agreement for Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Systems at Five Key Intersections** – Shannon moved and Blanks seconded, to approve the city manager to sign a purchase agreement for the acquisition and implementation of ELSAG Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems with Leonardo for an initial cost of \$83,190 plus \$4,800 annually. Unanimous approval.
4. **2026-2027 Health Insurance Rates** - Gurley moved and Wood seconded, to authorize the assistant city manager and city manager to sign an agreement with MPR to provide employees with health, dental, and vision insurance coverage as presented. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

City Manager's Report - The city manager reviewed the dot poll scores for the projects presented at the planning for growth meeting. The city has scheduled a Dumpster Day, Saturday, May 30th, 8am -12pm at Azura amphitheater. Please contact city staff if you'd like to volunteer. Mark Stites was recognized for his work in code enforcement.

City Council Items

- Gurley - stated she saw chatter on social media about people parking in designated no-parking areas on 132nd St.
- Wood is concerned about kids riding motorized bikes, weaving around.
- Blanks — Thanked staff for their reviews over the last couple of weeks. Last week, she presented at high school senior awards night. Blanks recommended people attend if possible and see the talent coming out of BSHS. Blanks gave special recognition to Cora Dow for her appointment to USAF Academy. This year's graduating class has eight valedictorians. The Rotary Kentucky Derby Party is next Saturday, May 2nd. The Farmers' Market kicks off the season on Saturday, May 2nd. The chamber luncheon is Thursday, May 7th. The flower crawl is also May 7th. The Rotary club recognized a Bonner Springs High School sophomore who partnered with the parks & rec dept and studied noise abatement at parks. She would like to see that student present to the City Council.
- Long - is hearing excitement in the community about things going on. The Farmers' Market is starting its 10th season! Someone asked how many personal vehicles can resident have parked on the street.
- Reeves state he is happy to be here.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Stephens attended Range 23's KSHB Community talk, and worked hard to talk about all the things we have here. He states the event had a high-energy, happy crowd. He asked the city staff to provide more information about the Wyandotte County Household Hazardous Waste drop off.

ADJOURNMENT – Blanks moved and Shannon seconded, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:38 p.m. Unanimous approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk