



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes June 8, 2026

WORKSHOP – 7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor Stephens, Councilmembers Shannon, Kipp, Gurley, Wood, Blanks and Reeves (7:15 p.m.). Councilmembers McMahan and Long were absent.

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Jack Granth, Library Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager and Logan Strasburger, City Planner

Storage Container Regulations - Mark Lee, Community Development Director, discussed the proposed amendments to the City code regarding storage and shipping containers. Councilmember Shannon provided examples where he would like the regulations to have more specific verbiage. Councilmember Kipp asked about enforcement of the regulations. Councilmember Blanks asked about establishing size regulations. Reeves stated he is wholly opposed to the containers. Gurley stated they can be a cost-effective, minimal maintenance option for storage. The Community Development Director introduced Logan Strasburger, new city planner.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Jack Granth, Library Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager and Logan Strasburger, City Planner

The mayor led the Pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA – David Blake was concerned about maintenance of Spring Creek. In 1989, the city added a sewer main on east side of Lakewood and added riprap channel to Spring Creek. He stated the creek bed has eroded at least ten feet. He believes the city is responsible for maintenance of the creek bed. The mayor stated public works and other staff are working on the issue.

CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Minutes of the May 26, 2026 City Council Meeting
 2. Claims for City Operations
 3. Public Use request – UBT Customer Appreciation event
- Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS - None presented

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Baseball Field Lighting Change Order #2** - Shannon moved and Reeves seconded, to approve Change Order No. 2 for Third Generation Electrical Inc. in the amount of \$12,563. Unanimous approval.
2. **Bid Award - Pickleball Courts** - Gurley moved and Blanks seconded, to award the bid for pickleball courts to Multisports, LLC in the amount of \$187,915. Unanimous approval.
3. **MC-01-26 - Municipal Code Amendment — Storage Container Regulations** - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded, to table the item until the July 13th City Council meeting. The motion carried on a four to three vote with Gurley, Reeves and Wood dissenting.
4. **Rezoning – BSRZ-03-26 – 14150 Minnesota Avenue (PTS Consulting)** - Blanks moved and Long seconded, to adopt an ordinance allowing for the requested rezoning of 14150 Minnesota Avenue. Unanimous approval. Assigned ordinance No.2618.
5. **Resolution to Amend and Extend Industrial Revenue Bonds for Bonner Springs Villas** - Shannon moved and Wood seconded, to adopt a resolution extending the termination date of the original Resolution of Intent to December 31, 2026. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

City Manager's Report - The city manager included in her report, fliers for upcoming Chamber of Commerce events. Dumpster Days was a huge success. A lot of volunteers participated and 9 of the 10 trash dumpsters were filled, as well as two metal recycling dumpsters. Almost 25 tons of trash and recycling were removed from the community.

City staff recognized Leslie Lard, Assistant Library Director, for her leadership and competence.

The groundbreaking for the Centennial Park extension will be June 15th at 1:30 p.m.

Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director, announced she is retiring later this year, after 36 years. Staff is preparing to post her job with enough time to spend about two months of side-by-side training.

City Council Items

- Reeves stated Spring Creek has subsided, and is now ten feet wider than it was. The rock is substandard shale that is breaking down and washing downstream. He added the city is doing a better job of killing the weeds in Spring Creek.
- Long stated she has been approached by people, and seen comments online, about children riding on dirt bikes and electric bikes in the street. She is concerned about their safety.
- Blanks stated she has been approached about flooding in the area. Blanks requested a workshop rundown of what the upcoming projects are so the residents will know they are being addressed. Grip N Rip grand reopening event is Wednesday at 4:00 pm. Ground Breaking for Centennial Park expansion is June 15th at 1:30 p.m. The Chamber's business appreciation lunch is Thursday, June 18th at the Ag Hall. The NAACP picnic is Saturday June 20th at 1:00 pm at Lion's Park. The Jerry Lee Jarrett Family Life Center annual fish fry is June 27th.
- Gurley reminded everyone that City Band season starts Thursday with the first band concert at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Stephens stated he was very pleased with the turnout of volunteers for Dumpster Days. Mayor Stephens has had conversations about the ebikes as well. Mayor Stephens stated the City may need to look at stormwater fees to provide funds to repair some of the water issues.

ADJOURNMENT – Gurley moved and Blanks seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:08 p.m. Unanimous approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk