



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes June 22, 2026

WORKSHOP – 7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Councilmembers Shannon, Kipp, Gurley, Wood, Blanks, Long, McMahan and Reeves. Mayor Stephens was absent. Council President Gurley led the meeting.

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Michael Kelling, Police Captain; Matt Beets, Public Works Director.

2026 Streets Program Plan - The Public Works Director reviewed the plans for street work for 2026.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Michael Kelling, Police Captain; Matt Beets, Public Works Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Director and Tatum Bartels, Recreation Coordinator.

Council President Gurley led the Pledge of allegiance and Jim Jenkins, VFW Chaplain, gave an invocation.

PRESENTATIONS –

Proclamation - National Parks & Recreation Month - The Council President presented a proclamation to recreation department staff members and the Recreation and Open Spaces Advisory committee chairperson, in recognition of National Parks and Recreation Month.

Waste Management Update - John Blessing, WM, presented a review of the first year of the new contract: Blessing reported that Kansas City, KS is following our lead and is currently transitioning to carts.

He reported the changeover to the cart system in Bonner Springs has been successful and has resulted in significantly fewer reports of service issues.

Blessing highlighted that the first annual increase was less than anticipated based on the CPI.

WM helped staff execute first ever dumpster days successfully.

WM captures the natural gas occurring at the landfill and uses it to run the fleet trucks.

WM started a pollinator garden and has been certified as a monarch butterfly way station.

Councilmember Long indicated customer service can be difficult to get hold of.

Councilmember Blanks would like to look at weekly recycling service in the future.

Councilmember Reeves asked for a tour of the natural gas capturing facility.

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

CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Minutes of the June 8, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request - Vaughn Trent Community Services Fundraiser
Blanks moved and Shannon seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS - None presented

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Resolution to Terminate the City's Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Sterling Screen Printing, Inc./DRI INK LLC Project (Series 2006 and Series 2012)** - Shannon moved and Long seconded, to adopt a resolution authorizing the City to execute a special warranty deed, a release of real estate, and other release documents and to take certain other actions to effect the option to purchase the project pursuant to the lease in connection with the City's aggregate principal amount of \$890,000 industrial revenue bonds series 2006, and the City's aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 industrial revenue bonds series 2012, Sterling Screen Printing, Inc./DRI INK LLC Project. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2026-08.

REPORTS

City Manager's Report - The city manager reported the next holiday closure will be Friday, July 3, for Independence Day. Trash collection will not be impacted by the holiday.

City staff received the information needed from the county for the budget. The city manager sent an email asking everyone's availability to reschedule a budget meeting.

The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation announced they have additional, unused funds available. Staff may present an item to the city council at a future meeting to work with The 120 on Oak, if they are awarded funds.

City Council Items

- McMahan stated he was not able to attend the ground-breaking ceremony, but heard it went well.
- Wood thanked everyone who works on, and manages things in the city.
- Blanks thanked everyone who attended the business appreciation lunch. The Jerry Lee Jarrett Life Center is holding a fundraising fish fry on Saturday. Bonner Blast is Thursday. Vaughn Trent Community Services is holding a fundraising hotdog lunch on Friday, July 10, from 11am -1pm.
- Reeves stated he has seen pedestrians on Metropolitan walking for exercise and is concerned about their safety. He asked if the road can be restricted from pedestrians.
- Gurley stated the empty lot between Auto Zone and Goodwill, has a strip that is not being mowed. Gurley reminded everyone that Thursday night will be full of music, including the City Band concert.
- Blanks stated the police department posted a graphic about e-scooters, e-bikes and e-motos; she asked for a workshop on that topic. The city manager stated the police department is currently focused on education with kids and parents about e-bikes, etc.

Mayor's Report- No additional report presented in Mayor Stephens' absence.

ADJOURNMENT – Wood moved and Reeves seconded to adjourn the city council meeting at 8:02 p.m. Unanimous approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk