



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes July 13 2026

WORKSHOP – 6:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor Stephens, Councilmembers Shannon, Gurley, Wood, Blanks, Long (7:18 p.m.), McMahan (7:00 p.m.) and Reeves. Councilmember Kipp was absent.

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

Budget Work session - All Tax Levy Funds - General Fund, Library, & Debt Service - The city manager reviewed the general, Library and debt service funds and the budgetary impacts of going revenue neutral, keeping the same mill levy or increasing the mill levy.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Handy, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Michael Kelling, Police Captain; Matt Beets, Public Works Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Director.

Mayor Stephens led the Pledge of allegiance.

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

CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Minutes of the June 22, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Minutes of the July 7, 2026, City Council Budget Workshop
3. Claims for City Operations
4. Public Use Request - Tiblow Trot
5. Public Use Request - Tiblow Days

Reeves moved and Shannon seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Councilmember Blanks abstained.

OLD BUSINESS –

MC-01-26 - Municipal Code Amendment — Storage Container Regulations –

1. Shannon moved and McMahan seconded, to adopt an ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of Bonner Springs to allow storage containers in some commercial and all industrial zoning districts, keeping current residential district regulations. The motion failed on a three to four vote. Gurley, Reeves, Wood and Blanks dissented.

2. Gurley moved and Blanks seconded, to adopt an ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of Bonner Springs to allow storage containers to be utilized in all zoning districts, with regulations in place to determine setback distances, screening and other requirements. The motion failed on a three to four vote. Reeves, Shannon, Long and McMahan dissented.

3. McMahan moved and Shannon seconded, to adopt an ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of Bonner Springs to allow storage containers in some commercial and all industrial zoning districts, keeping current residential district regulations. The motion passed on a five to two vote. Wood and Blanks dissented. Assigned Ordinance No. 2620

NEW BUSINESS -

Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds for The 120 on Oak - Blanks moved and Long seconded, to adopt an ordinance authorizing the City to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds and authorize the execution of documents in connection with the issuance of the bonds. Unanimous approval. Assigned ordinance No. 2619

Approve Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing and Schedule Public Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate- Gurley moved and Shannon seconded, to authorize City staff to notify the County Clerks of the City's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate, raising the mill levy rate to 38.993, and set a public hearing for September 8, 2026, to hear comments on exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

City Manager's Report - The city manager stated Bonner Blast, went very smoothly, and was a great event for the community. Staff will try to have the attendance information from the Placer AI data for the next meeting.

City Council Items

- McMahan stated everyone that participated in organizing Bonner Blast deserves a "Thank You." The attendance was good, the energy was good, and the band was good. The city band performance was awesome. Last Thursday's city band concert was fun too.
- Gurley asked if the city has an ordinance concerning blowing grass cuttings in the street? Gurley asked if staff could put out some education about that. She sees a lot of grass cuttings blown into the street creating an unsafe environment for motorcycles and electric bikes. Gurley thanked the other council members for being able to disagree respectfully and still make good decisions.
- Shannon stated he was proud to be part of council and staff.
- Blanks stated she echoes Dani's and Rodger's comments, "thank you" to everyone's work around the budget. Thank you to everyone who came out to Bonner Blast. Thank you to the fire and police departments for their presence and assistance, to public works for providing staff, and to the economic development manager for coordinating the event. Thank you to city band and congratulations on such a huge turnout. Blanks announced the joint luncheon with the KCK Chamber

is Thursday and a morning mingle at Anytime Fitness is coming soon. Blanks thanked everyone who attended the Vaughn Trent Community Service fundraiser.

- Long stated she is looking forward to seeing the attendance numbers for Bonner Blast.
- Reeves stated Union Bank and Trust is having a fundraiser for the Education Foundation on Friday. Reeves stated Spring Creek getting wider, an island is forming in middle of creek.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Stephens thanked Council President Gurley for presiding at the last meeting, in his absence. Stephens stated Bonner Blast was a wonderful evening, with a tremendous amount of energy. He thanked staff for setting up the City Band inside the community center.

ADJOURNMENT – Gurley moved and Shannon seconded, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:25 p.m. Unanimous approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk