



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes July 27, 2026

WORKSHOP – 6:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor Stephens, Councilmembers Shannon, Kipp, 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; Tatum Bartels, Interim Recreation Director and Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Manager

Budget Work Session – Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Multi-Year Capital and Equipment Plans – The finance director reviewed:

- Special Revenue Funds
- Enterprise Funds - funded with user fees (solid waste, stormwater, wastewater, water)
- CIP and Equipment Planning and Budget

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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Mayor Stephens led the Pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS -

Swear In New Police Department Personnel - Officer Chris Phillips - The City Clerk administered the oath of office to new Police Officer, Chris Phillips.

CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA – Dana Wright, 421 Jamison, expressed concern about children on motorized vehicles. He believes the city should establish rules and regulations regarding motorized vehicles.

CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Minutes of the July 13, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Voting Delegates for the Annual League of Kansas Municipalities Conference Business Meeting

Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS – None presented.

NEW BUSINESS -

Award Bid - 2026 Street Resurfacing Program - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to award the bid for the 2026 Street Resurfacing Project to McAnany Construction in the amount of \$535,829.85. Unanimous approval.

Award Bid - 2026 Concrete Project - Gurley moved and Wood seconded to award the bid for the 2026 Concrete Project to New Beginning, LLC in the amount of \$138,212. Unanimous approval.

Sandstone Townhomes Public Infrastructure Acceptance - Gurley moved and Blanks seconded to accept the remaining public infrastructure improvements within the Sandstone Townhome development. Unanimous approval.

Resolution to Determine a Need for Housing and Proposed Rural Housing Incentive District - Shannon moved and Reeves seconded to adopt a resolution determining a need for housing and a proposed Rural Housing Incentive District. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2026-09.

Lynn Valley Reinvestment Housing Incentive District Funding Agreement - Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve a funding agreement with Circle H Land Development, LLC, and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement. Unanimous approval. Roman Haehn, Circle H Land Development, LLC, thanked the Council for consideration and addressed the Council about the benefits of the RHID for infrastructure, if approved.

REPORTS

City Manager's Report - The City Manager reported the council members received Mayor's Banquet invitations and requested to please let the City Clerk know by August 11th if they are able to attend. Advanced voting for the primary is available at the Bonner Springs library. The Placer AI report shows 6,700 attendees at Bonner Blast. This was an increase from 2025 attendance of 6,600.

City Council Items

- Reeves stated the Economic Development Manager made history with 100% occupancy on Oak St.
- Blanks stated she has seen that chambers of commerce and tourism departments are in decline and she is happy Bonner Springs is not following that trend. She believes cities need the support of these groups. Blanks is excited to see a plan for motorized bikes. She is excited to hear the Public Works Director's opinion on flooding complaints and how to remedy them. The early voting drop box at the library is open from 7am-7pm.
- McMahan stated that the downtown is coming along. The City Band meets on Thursday. He also commended the Rotary Club for a successful ice cream social and their presentation of a donation to Vaughn Trent Community Services.
- Gurley reminded everyone that Long celebrated her one-year anniversary of being in business in Bonner Springs.
- Shannon thanked the Lynn Valley developer for his interest in the community.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Stephens stated voting is important and encouraged everyone to vote. The voting drop box at the library is monitored by security cameras, and open until 7pm on election day.

ADJOURNMENT – Blanks moved and Reeves seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:35 p.m. Unanimous approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk