

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – August 22, 2022

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Harrington, Shannon, Long, Wood, Gurley, Kipp, Stephens and Reeves.

Councilmembers Thompson was absent

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Matt Zayas, Assistant to the City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Frank Abart, Public Works Director and Chris Jennings, Fire Chief

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and asked Pastor Flournoy, to lead the invocation.

PRESENTATION – Greg Kindle and John Salazar presented information about the Wyandotte Economic Development Council's work in Wyandotte County and in Bonner Springs.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda – None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items and asked the staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed.

1. Minutes of the August 8, 2022 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. PHA Claims for City Operations
4. Massage Therapy License Renewal – Essential Massage
5. Massage Therapy Business Establishment and Therapy License Renewal – Helping Hands Therapeutic Massage
6. Massage Therapy License – Helping Hands Therapeutic Massage
7. League Voting Delegates for Annual Conference Business Meeting for 2022

Stephens requested item No. 3 PHA Claims for City Operations be pulled for separate consideration.

Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to approve the consent agenda without item no. 3. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **PHA Claims for City Operations** – Stephens moved and Reeves seconded to approve the PHA Claims for City Operations. Unanimous approval.
2. **Public Hearing to Levy a Property tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate** - Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to open a Public Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate beginning at 8:10 p.m.

The Mayor asked for public comment – Edmond Nicotra, 735 Sheidley Avenue, expressed concern that property taxes have increased and is concerned people will move out of Bonner Springs. He asked the Council to consider not increasing the mill levy.

Barbara Cameron, 807 Lake Forest, is concerned about how much the assessed values went up to exceed the revenue neutral rate.

Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to close the public hearing at 8:18 p.m. Unanimous approval.

3. **Approve a Resolution to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate-** Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to approve a resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Motion carried on a 6-1 vote with Kipp voting no. Resolution No. 2022-14.
4. **Approve Notice of Public Hearing and Schedule Public Hearing for Proposed 2022 Budget Amendments -** Shannon moved and Long seconded to approve notice of a public hearing and schedule a public hearing for proposed 2022 budget amendments for Monday, September 12, 2022. Unanimous approval.
5. **Approve Notice of Public Hearing and Schedule Public Hearing for Proposed 2023 Budget -** Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to approve the public hearing notice and schedule the public hearing for the 2023 budget for Monday, September 12, 2022. Unanimous approval.
6. **Resolution Finding Land to be in Public Interest and Authorizing a Survey of Such to be Condemned for Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station No. 2 -** Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve a resolution finding land to be in public interest and authorizing a survey of such to be condemned for replacement of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station No. 2. Unanimous approval. Resolution No. 2022-15
7. **Ordinance Authorizing Eminent Domain Proceedings for Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station No. 2 –** Stephens moved and Reeves seconded to adopt an ordinance condemning lands or interests in lands for replacement of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station No. 2. Unanimous approval. Ordinance No. 2532.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report:

- Thanked the aquatic center staff for their work this season; Doggie Poolooza was a successful event.
- Reminded everyone of the two sales tax renewal initiatives on the ballot in November; 1- ¼ cent for capital improvements, 2- ¼ cent sales tax for emergency services capital and operations. These sales taxes generate enough funds to offset about 12 mills of property taxes.
- Invited Boz Bosley, Tiblow Day Coordinator, to provide an update about Tiblow Days. The Chamber was able to add about 40 more spaces on Oak Street with the changes to the parade. Those spaces are sold out. The Chamber has more member volunteers this year and added a kid's fun zone.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Gurley reminded everyone the last City Band concert of the season is this Friday night.
- Reeves is looking forward to the Mayor's Banquet and Tiblow Days and is happy to be here.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Dignitaries should line up at the high school at 8:30 a.m.
- Tiblow Days is a great opportunity to showcase Bonner Springs and a huge amount of work goes into it.
- We are honored to have descendants of Henry Tiblow attending the Mayor's Banquet and the parade this year.
- The ¼ cent sales tax renewals in November means for every dollar spent in Bonner Springs, one quarter of one penny goes toward each of those taxes.
- The Mayor is co-chairing the Special Task Force for the selection of the new County Administrator.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Christina Brake, City Clerk