

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 24, 2022

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Harrington, Shannon, Long, Thompson, Wood, Gurley, Stephens and Reeves. Councilmember Kipp was absent

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Frank Abart, Public Works Director; Chris Jennings, Fire Chief; Tillie Laplante, Finance Director and Nathan Brungardt, Recreation Coordinator

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Councilmember, Mike Thompson, led the invocation.

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 October 10, 2022 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Third Quarter 2022 Financial Reports
4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
5. Public Use Request – Candy Cane Lane Event

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

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Resolution Finding Land to be in Public Interest and Authorizing a Survey of Such to be Condemned for a Water Transmission and Distribution Main**– Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to approve the resolution finding land to be in public interest and authorizing a survey of such to be condemned for placement of a water transmission and distribution main. Unanimous approval. Resolution No. 2022-19.
2. **Ordinance Authorizing Eminent Domain Proceedings For a Water Transmission and Distribution Main** – Reeves moved and Gurley Seconded to adopt an ordinance condemning lands or interests in lands for placement of a water transmission and distribution main and for instituting eminent domain proceedings. Unanimous approval. Ordinance No. 2536.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report:

- The Sexton monument at the cemetery has been repaired. Thanks to Wendy Scheidt for finding a masonry company to perform the repairs and thanks to the Bonner Springs Historic Preservation Society for raising funds to help pay for the repairs.
- City staff prepared an informational mailer about the sales tax renewal initiatives on the upcoming ballot. The information will be mailed to Bonner Springs residents.
- Public Works has been working with KDOT and was successful in securing \$400,000 in CCLIP funding to resurface K-32/Gibbs Rd. from 142nd Street to Nettleton Ave.
- The Recreation department is hosting their Halloween Story Trail at the Agricultural Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 29th.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Wood is impressed by everything that gets done by City staff.

- Gurley asked if Wyandotte County has plans to place an election office or early voting location in, or close to, Bonner Springs.
- Gurley asked for updates on the Thriftway building and the building at Metropolitan and Nettleton Avenue. The City Manager stated the owners of the Thriftway building are working on grant funding and the City is going through the standard process for citing and remediating codes violations at the building at Metropolitan and Nettleton.
- Stephens stated the Thriftway building is a safety issue and is creating blight.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Mayors Garner, Caiharr and Harrington and Commissioners Stites and Burroughs will meet in early November.
- Lots of activities are going on in the City; recreation activities, quality of life improvements. These place a burden on our emergency services.
- Encouraged everyone to vote early and vote at every election. The Mayor commended the early voting process and stated it was run very well.
- A service pole in front of 168 Warner has failed and needs to be addressed by the appropriate utility provider. The Mayor asked staff to follow up.
- Attended the Old Dominion tour and is happy to see the KDOT approach is getting completed.
- He asked if the number of emergency calls on K-7 has increased.
- Reported the traffic light at K-7 and Kansas Avenue was out again today and asked staff to follow up.

Item No. 4: Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel Matters- Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the Council Chambers at 9:10 p.m. Unanimous approval. Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to resume the open meeting with no action taken at 9:06 p.m. Unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk