

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 28, 2022

The Bonner Springs City Council met in Workshop session at 6:31 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Frank Abart, Public Works Director; Chris Jennings, Fire/EMS Chief and Billy Naff, Police Chief

1. The City Manager discussed market conditions affecting compensation for some City employees.
2. The Public Works Director discussed concerns about the utility disconnection off notification process.

The Workshop session adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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.
Councilmember Thompson was absent.

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Frank Abart, Public Works Director; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Chris Jennings, Fire/EMS Chief and Justine Spease, Recreation Director

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Pastor Flournoy, Bonner Springs Church of the Living God, led the invocation.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda – Steven Christopher, 210 Nettleton Avenue, was upset that his water was turned off for non-payment. He stated he moved out of town five months ago and didn't forward his mail so was unaware that he hadn't been paying his water bill. He asked the City Council to not turn resident's water off for non-payment.

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 November 14, 2022 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Massage Therapy Business Establishment and Therapist Licenses –Massage by Jody

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

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Kansas Avenue Culvert Replacement Project – Pursue Bids and Easements** – Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to authorize staff to pursue construction bids and easements for the Kansas Avenue Culvert Replacement Project. Unanimous approval.
2. **Stormwater Standards Upgrade Agreement** – Stephens moved and Reeves seconded to approve the Stormwater Standards Update Agreement with MARC and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Unanimous approval.
3. **2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)** – Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to approve the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Unanimous approval.

4. **Approve Notice of Public Hearing and Schedule Public Hearing for 2022 Budget Amendments** – Gurley moved and Long seconded to approve the Public Hearing notice and schedule a Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget Amendments. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report:

- The City currently has two surveys out; one about recreation programming and one about the farmer's market pavilion.
- Tom Cooley, long-time Wyandotte County public servant passed away last week.
- The Police Department has been awarded a grant to participate in CALEA and the City achieved Bronze status for the Community of All Ages program through MARC.
- Has been working with Unified Government on the solid waste agreement. The City Manager will send a letter opting out of add-on programs to reduce cost to our residents.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Wood is amazed at the variety of programs the Library is hosting for all ages.
- Stephens thanked Commissioner Tom Burroughs, Commissioner Chuck Stites, Edwardsville Mayor Carolyn Caiharr and Mayor Jeff Harrington for working hard to have Bonner Springs and Edwardsville included in the considerations of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Stated Mayor Caiharr and Mayor Harrington testified at the Unified Government Commission meeting to testify regarding the distribution of ARPA funds. The Wyandotte County Commission acknowledges Bonner Springs and Edwardsville are part of the county.
- Congratulated Councilmember Thompson on his win as Kansas State Representative. He will be stepping down as a Councilmember to devote his time to his work as a representative. The City will be accepting applications to be appointed as Councilmember for Ward I. Applications should be submitted to the City Clerk. All applications will be reviewed by a team of past Mayors to be recommended to the City Council for approval.
- Looking forward to the Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting event. The tree will be taller than ever before! Commended City staff on the decorations in Centennial Park.
- The City Employee Engagement team is working on plans for a staff holiday party.
- Recognized Mayor Garner and Commissioners Stites and Burroughs on the respectful reception of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville.
- Invited everyone to join in the Christmas parade and to stay safe and shop local.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk