

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 9, 2023

The Bonner Springs City Council met in Workshop session at 7:04 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Mark Lee, City Planner; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager; Chris Jennings, Fire/EMS Chief; Bill Naff, Police Chief and Mark Stites, Nuisance Codes Officer

1. Representatives from Freese & Nichols provided a mid-project update on the Unified Development Ordinance.

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

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

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

PRESENTATIONS –

1. Oath of Office for New Councilmember – The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to incoming Councilmember Mark McMahan
2. Citizen Commendation – The police department recognized Carlos Garza for his support and assistance.
3. Community For All Ages Bronze Level Recognition – Representatives from Mid America Regional Council (MARC) presented the Bronze Level award to the Recreation Department.

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. Operation Green Light Agreement Extension
2. Minutes of the December 19, 2022 City Council Meeting
3. Claims for City Operations
4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Codes Violation Administrative Citation Appeal – 820 N. Nettleton Avenue** – Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to table the item until the January 23, 2023 Council meeting. The motion carried on a vote of seven with Reeves dissenting.
2. **Codes Violation Administrative Citation Appeal – 13852 Kansas Avenue** – Shannon moved and Reeves seconded to adopt a resolution declaring unlawful conditions existed, the owner satisfactorily abated the conditions and fines are to be assessed. Unanimous approval.

3. **Sole Source Request – Plant Aerator/Mixer Unit Replacement** – Reeves moved and Gurley seconded to approve the request for sole source procurement with Ovivia USA, LLC in the amount of \$195,210 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents. Unanimous approval.
4. **Child Care Sustainability Grant** – Wood moved and Shannon seconded to approve allocating the Child Care Sustainability Grant funding in the total amount of \$37,000 as presented. Unanimous approval.
5. **Kansas Rehabilitation Tax Credit – Bid Award** – Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to award the bid of \$1,663,846.92 for the purchase of \$1,767,981 in Kansas Rehabilitation Tax Credits to Clocktower Tax Credits, LLC and authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement for the purchase. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report:

- The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration will be Monday, January 16, 2023 at the First Christian Church at 1:00 p.m.
- Ground breaking for the new water treatment plant will be coming up in February.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Reeves stated he is glad to be here.
- Kipp stated lots of good things are going on in the City.
- Gurley asked if the poles placed at Nettleton and Morse and 134th and Kansas Avenue are for new signage. The Assistant City Manager confirmed they are for new wayfinding signs.
- Gurley stated trees have grown into the power lines at 138th and Metropolitan
- Gurley asked if the Unified Government can be asked to hold a property tax appraisal clinic in Bonner Springs like the one in Edwardsville.
- Gurley stated she felt the social media reminder to residents to clear snow from sidewalks was tone deaf considering the temperatures.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- The Mayor stated an Every truck was seen at the light pole at 138th and Heritage but the light still is not working.
- Met with Wyandotte and Johnson County Mayors and elected officials.
- Representative Mike Thompson was sworn in today.
- Spoke with Mayor Garner about County level representation. Commissioners Burroughs and Stites are very easy to communicate with. Bonner Springs staff and elected officials will make a concerted effort to attend County commission meetings.
- Invited everyone to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration.
- The Oak Street Café ribbon cutting will be Thursday, January 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk