

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 13, 2023

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

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Frank Abart, Public Works Director and Nathan Brungardt, Recreation Coordinator.

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

PRESENTATIONS –

1. The Mayor presented a proclamation to Craig Laurion in recognition for National Transit Drivers’ Day.
2. Matthew Willard and Janae Robbins, Unified Government Wyandotte County/KCK Treasurer’s Office, presented information about the property valuation process in Wyandotte County.

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 February 27, 2023 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations

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

OLD BUSINESS – None presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Child Care Sustainability Grant -Allocation of Funds –** Shannon moved and Wood seconded to approve allocating the Child Care Sustainability Grant funds in the total amount of \$42,400 as presented. Unanimous approval.
2. **Water Treatment Plant – Property Acquisition –** Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to approve the agreement for acquisition of permanent and temporary easements along K-32 for the Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$72,924 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents. Unanimous approval.
3. **Water Treatment Plant Project – Change Order No. 1 –** Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$786,964 for upgrades to support fire flow requirements of the Lake of the Forest subdivision subject of approval by KDHE. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager’s Report:

- There has been a lot of legislative activity lately. The Senate is considering a bill to eliminate the local sales tax on grocery items which would impact the City.
- The City Council has a Strategic Planning session on Saturday, March 25th at 8:00 a.m. The Consultant will be sending out a survey requesting input.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Wood reminded everyone that the Police Department is hosting a fraud awareness conversation on Tuesday, March 28th 11am-12pm at the Community Center.
- Gurley asked about extending the dates that fireworks can be sold in Bonner Springs.
- Gurley asked about 138th Street where the shoulder has eroded on the east side.
- Kipp attended the Penguin Plunge and thought the event and attendance were outstanding.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Reported the Unified Government selected a permanent County Administrator, Mr. Johnston.
- Heard a concern about development on K-32 that was handled by the planning department.
- Wished best of luck to all of the Big 12 basketball teams still competing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk