

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 27, 2023

The Bonner Springs City Council met in Workshop session at 6:45 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Harrington, Shannon, McMahan, Wood, Gurley, Stephens and Reeves (arrived 7:04). Councilmembers Long and Kipp were absent.

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager and Justine Spease, Recreation Manager.

1. Parks and Public Spaces Advisory Board – The Recreation Manager presented information on merging the Senior Center Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Cemetery Advisory Committee.
2. Policy for Naming and Renaming City-Owned Properties – The Recreation Manager presented information on a proposed policy for naming and renaming City-owned properties.

The Workshop session adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Mark Stites, Codes Enforcement Officer and Frank Abart, Public Works Director. Hale Weirick, City Attorney, was also present.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and Councilmember Shannon 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 – Jordan Mackey, 120 Emerson, noted the appraised value of the property owned by Deffenbaugh Industries dropped by nearly half in 2022 after increasing in 2018, 2019 and 2020. He stated the valuation is much lower for that property than adjacent, similar properties and asked for a sitting Councilmember to request justification of the decrease from the County.

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 March 13, 2023 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Massage Therapist License for Jing Zhang at Back and Body Massage
4. Public Use Request – Bubble Run 5K

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

OLD BUSINESS – None presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Nettleton Seven Associates, LLC Funding Agreement** – Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to approve a funding agreement with Nettleton Seven Associates, LLC and Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Unanimous approval.
2. **Resolution Setting Condemnation Hearing for 829 N. Nettleton** – Stephens moved and Gurley seconded to adopt a resolution setting a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on May 8, 2023, to determine why

the structure located at 820 N. Nettleton Avenue should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2023-05

3. **Resolution Setting Condemnation Hearing for 13103 Metropolitan** – Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to adopt a resolution setting a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on May 8, 2023, to determine why the structure located at 13103 Metropolitan Avenue should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2023-06
4. **Governing Body Policy for Nuisance Code Procedures** – Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to approve the updates to the policy for nuisance procedures. Unanimous approval.
5. **Final Plat Approval – FP-01-22 – Ensign Commercial 3rd Plat** – Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to approve the Final Plat FP-01-22- Ensign Commercial 3rd Replat as presented. Unanimous approval.
6. **Final Plat Approval – Replat – RP-01-23 – 542 Lake Forest Dr.** – Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to approve the Replat -RP-01-23 – 542 Lake Forest Drive. Unanimous approval.
7. **Water Treatment Plant Project – Property Acquisition at Lake of the Forest** – Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to approve the agreement with the Lake of the Forest Homeowners Association in the amount of \$3,000 for acquisition of permanent easements along Highway K-32 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents. Unanimous approval.
8. **Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee 2023 Funding Recommendations** – Wood moved and Reeves seconded to approve funding in the amount of \$28,135 for substance abuse programs and equipment as recommended by the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report:

- Bonner Springs High School is hosting a discussion on the dangers of fentanyl on April 12, 2023.
- The Water Treatment Plant groundbreaking is Thursday at 1p.m. at Public Works.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Shannon thanked the Police Department for all they do.
- Wood announced the Fraud Awareness Conversation at the Community Center was postponed until April 19th at 11:00 a.m.
- Wood states the rusted, empty sign at the old BP station on Front Street needs to be addressed.
- Gurley has received concerns about ventilation at the new cigar bar on Oak Street and wants to know if regulations exist to prevent the smoke from infiltrating attached businesses.
- Reeves agreed with Wood about the sign on Front Street.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- The Mayor complimented City Staff on the new wayfinding signs and requested the posts be painted or wrapped.
- The Ministerial Alliance is starting a volunteer group called Bonner Builders to help less fortunate residents with home repairs. Please contact Reverend Bill Kerns at the First Christian Church for more information.
- Participated this morning in the welcoming of the New County Administrator, David Johnston. It looks like he will be a great addition to Wyandotte County.
- Asked the City Clerk to send out invitations to our future workshops to Mayor Garner, Administrator Johnston, the County Commissioners and the District Attorney.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk