

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – July 10, 2023

The Bonner Springs City Council met in Workshop session at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

1. Public Works Organizational Restructuring – The Public Works Director reviewed proposed organization changes necessary when the new water treatment plant becomes operational.

The Workshop session adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda – Jordan Michael Tiner Mackey, 120 Emerson Ave., thought he was on the agenda tonight. Stated the sound is difficult to hear even through the microphones when the meeting is viewed online.

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 June 26, 2023 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request – Bubble Run 5K and Foam Glow 5K

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Notice of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate** – Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to authorize City staff to notify the County Clerk of the City's intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate, maintaining the current mill levy rate of 41.875887 and set a Public Hearing for August 28, 2023 to hear comments on exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.
2. **Stormwater Master Plan Update** – Long moved and Shannon seconded to approve the Stormwater Master Plan update. Unanimous approval.
3. **138th Street Project - Atmos Agreement for Gas Line Relocation** - Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Atmos for gas line relocation on 138th Street, in the amount of \$495,387.74. Unanimous approval.
4. **Resolution Authorizing an Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Bonner Springs Fire Department and the Fairmount Township Fire Department** – Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to adopt a resolution authorizing an automatic aid agreement between the City of Bonner Springs Fire

Department and the Fairmount Township Fire Department. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2023-13.

5. **Fire-Rescue Extrication Toolset Purchase** – Gurley moved and Wood seconded to approve the purchase of an extrication tool set from Conrad Fire Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$45,000. Unanimous approval.
6. **Fitness Court Installation Contractor Selection** – Shannon moved and Long seconded to authorize the Assistant City Manager to accept the quote from Engineered Installation Solutions (EIS) for the installation of the fitness court equipment in the amount of \$25,000. Unanimous approval.
7. **Ordinance to Amend the City's Pay Plan** – Gurley moved and Wood seconded to adopt an ordinance to amend the City's pay plan. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2550

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report – The Assistant City Manager reported the City received a Kansas Arts Industry Commission grant in the amount of \$9,500. It will be used for two murals downtown.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Reeves thanked City staff for their work along Spring Creek.
- Reeves asked if there are any plans for improvements toward a green area on Oak Street where the old building was demolished.
- Stephens stated the councilmembers are difficult to hear on the videos and asked staff to investigate options.
- McMahan asked if the City could get a new speaker at the aquatic center.
- Long invited everyone to attend the second Evenings on Oak event on Thursday. Last month 700 -800 people attended.
- Shannon suggested longer microphones.
- Stephens announced Popsicles with Police event will also be taking place Thursday.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Asked Councilmembers to identify themselves before speaking for clarity for those watching online.
- Evenings on Oak is this Thursday with vendors and food trucks, with the City Band concert immediately following at 8:30 p.m. There are three more City Band Concerts this season.
- Farmers Market continues on Saturdays through mid-October.
- Asked staff to research the range allowed for franchise fees. The current franchise fee is 5%.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Christina Brake, City Clerk