

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 23, 2023

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

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director and Frank Abart, Public Works Director

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

PRESENTATION –

1. District Attorney Mark Dupree presented his annual review.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda –

Kim Hylton, 498 South 138th St, was concerned about the significant increase in her water bill last month. She spoke to people in the Utility Billing department and was told she had been underbilled previously but has unanswered questions about the billing.

Dan Wilson, 503 S. 137th Street, also received a higher than usual water bill. He believes the utility company should be held accountable. He was concerned that the utility company didn't advise residents ahead of time that the bills would be higher. He was concerned that the the people reading the meters didn't know what they were doing. He is not confident the bills are correct. He would like a hard copy of his bill.

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 September 25, 2023 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Intergovernmental Services Agreement with Lenexa to Offer Combined Senior Center Trip Opportunities in 2024.

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Rezoning - BSRZ-01-23 - Zoning Change From A-1 (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Multi-family Residential District) for Eastern Portion of 300 South 130th Street** – Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to approve the rezoning BSRZ-01-23 - Zoning Change From A-1 (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Multi-family Residential District) for Eastern Portion of 300 South 130th Street. The motion carried on a vote of five to two with McMahan and Reeves dissenting.
2. **Highway 32/Kump Avenue Paving Project - Solicit Bids** – Stephens moved and Gurley seconded to approve. Unanimous approval.
3. **Kansas Avenue Culvert Project - Solicit Bids** – Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to authorize the Public Works department to advertise and solicit bids for the highway 32/Kump paving project. Unanimous approval.

4. **Ordinance Approving a Franchise Agreement with Midco** – Stephens moved and Wood seconded to adopt an ordinance approving a franchise agreement contract with Midcontinent Communications (Midco) as presented. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report –

- City staff has been calling customers that have the meters that are receiving the higher bills than previously.
- The golf cart ordinance is going through review with the attorney due to concerns with some terminology and will be presented to the City Council again.
- Everyone should receive a flier in the mail from the Unified Government. Some of the tax information in the flier is not accurate. The City Manager has asked the UG to allow the City to provide input next time before they distribute the information.
- The Water Treatment Plant construction is on schedule. Construction of the transmission line going out is scheduled to begin in November. More information will be coming.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Stephens asked about updates on Riverview and 110th Street. The City Manager provided an update about the culverts, the timeline for completion and inspections.
- Reeves stated the school district is doing a lot of work on 138th Street and asked if any of it is connected with future City work in the area.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- The mayor stated he appreciates all the care and concern the City Council puts into their work
- The Mayor participated in a press release with Mayor Caiharr and Mayor Garner concerning the state of affairs of the Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County. He believes it would benefit Bonner Springs for the Charter agreement to be reviewed. Mayor Caiharr is leading a task force which will have a listening tour of all parts of the County. He spoke about the process for reviewing the Charter and more information will be available on the Facebook page Unified Residents of Wyandotte County.
- The Mayor encouraged everyone to vote and wished all of the candidates the best of luck.
- Halloween is coming up!

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk