

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 9, 2023

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

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Billy Naff, Police Chief, Tim Richards, Fire Chief; Mike Krauze, Police Captain; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Mark Stites, Codes Enforcement Officer; Frank Abart, Public Works Director and Matt Beets, Deputy 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. Proclamation – Fire Safety Month – The Mayor presented a proclamation to Bonner Springs Fire Department employees recognizing National Fire Safety Month.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda –

Paul Reese, United States Army Colonel Retires, 13287 Davis, asked the City Council to publicly pray for Israelis who suffered over the weekend. He also is concerned about the upcoming rezoning request for 300 130th Street. He is against the single home, multi-family proposition. He believes the development will adversely affect traffic patterns, impact local housing, the police and fire department, schools, impact of low-income housing, crime, property value and safety of children in neighborhoods.

Ron Johnson, 13286 Davis, stated he is also opposed to the rezoning of 330 130th St. said he keeps reading about a strategic plan (possibly referring to the comprehensive plan). States he votes for the individuals, not the plan.

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. Waiver From Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for Financial Reporting. Assigned Resolution No. 2023-17

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Water Meter Project Update** – The Public Works Director gave an update on the water meter replacement project.
2. **Audit Contract for 2023 & 2024 Fiscal Years** – Stephens moved and Gurley seconded to approve a two-year contract extension with GordonCPA to perform audit services for the City for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$16,295 and \$16,785 respectively. If a single audit is required, the fee will be \$3,600 per major program. Unanimous approval.

Dennis Dumavitch, 13294 Richland Avenue, a new meter was placed on his property in September of 2022 and his water bill increased because the prior meter wasn't reading correctly. He stated he had a consistent bill for eleven months, then his September 2023 bill was four times higher than the previous month. He called City Hall, and spoke with the utility department. He commended Heather for being a great employee and being very helpful. They were able to schedule a payment plan. He is concerned there

was no prior communication about the increased bill and initially no one seemed to know why it increased, He suggested the RFP process should include asking for financials and check references on companies.

3. **Acceptance and Final Payment for the 2023 Street Resurfacing Project** – Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to approve the final payment to McAnany Construction for the 2023 Street Resurfacing project in the amount of \$98,159.07, and accept the project with a final project cost of \$847,400.70. Unanimous approval.
4. **Axon Fleet 3 Purchase Agreement** – Stephens moved and Wood seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute the Axon Fleet 3 and Master Services agreements. Unanimous approval.
5. **Ordinance to Allow Operation of an All-Terrain Vehicle, Micro Utility Truck, Low-Speed Vehicle, Golf Cart, or Work-Site Utility Vehicles** – Kipp moved and McMahan seconded to adopt an ordinance allowing the operation of an all-terrain vehicle, micro-utility truck, low-speed vehicle, golf cart, or work-site utility vehicle on some City streets. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2556

Bobby Hodges, Lawrence Avenue, asked, if the ordinance is approved, will the vehicles be required to display a “Slow moving vehicle” placard?

6. **Ordinance to Adopt the Updated Standard Traffic Ordinance as Amended** – Stephens moved and Reeves seconded to adopt the Standard Traffic Ordinance 50th Edition. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2557
7. **Ordinance to Adopt Changes to Chapter VII Fire, Article 1 Fire Department of the Code of Ordinances** – Stephens moved and Gurley seconded to adopt an Ordinance to amend Chapter VII Fire, Article 1 Fire Department of the Code of Ordinances. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2553
8. **Resolution Authorizing the Code Official to Abate the Conditions Causing Code Violations at 209 W Kump Avenue** – Stephens moved and Reeves seconded to adopt a resolution allowing for abatement of Municipal Code violations. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2023-18.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager’s Report –

- Lift Station No. 2 manages 75% of the raw sewage flow. Insurance discussions are ongoing about the repair or replacement of the lift station. Building at a new site adjacent to the old site may be more cost effective.
- CCLIP bidding and advertisement will start at the beginning of the year. The City received CCLIP funds for to refinish Kump from Nettleton to 138th Street.
- Thanked the Fire Department for hosting their first Open House in several years. The City is starting the process of hiring six initial full-time firefighters.
- Otto Pedersen was the second-grade student of the month at Bonner Springs Elementary.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

Stephens - Attended the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference in Wichita and has a copy of the policy statement. Recognized years of service for Angie Harris – 30 years, Edward Rittemeier – 30 years and Lynda Cassmeyer – 25 years.

Kipp – Stated the silt fencing at the Compass site is continuing to not work effectively.

McMahan – Asked if staff is aware of what is opening at the old Dari Dine location.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- Thanked Councilmember Stephens for representing the City at the League of Kansas Municipalities meeting.
- Saturday is the last Farmer's Market of the season. He invited everyone to the pet parade.
- Councilmembers Stephens and Wood reminded everyone that Thursday's Evenings on Oak will begin early at 4pm
- Councilmember Gurley reminded everyone that this weekend is the last weekend for Renaissance Festival and Lineman's Rodeo is this Saturday
- Please remember Pastor Grant's family in your thoughts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk