

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 8, 2024

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

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Billy Naff, Police Chief and Tim Richards, Fire Chief; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Coordinator; 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 Representative Mike Thompson, led the invocation.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today’s Agenda – None presented.

PRESENTATIONS – Municipal Court Judge, Bill Hutton, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Tom Stephens, newly elected Councilmember Emily Blanks and reelected Councilmember Bob Reeves.

Chief Naff presented new Bonner Springs Police Officers, Brenden Hedrick and Rob Bekele and the City Clerk administered the Law Enforcement Oath.

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 December 22, 2023 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations

Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. No items were removed for separate consideration. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Bid Award - Kansas Avenue Culvert Project**– Shannon moved and Reeves seconded to award the bid for the Kansas Avenue Culvert Project to Legacy Underground Construction in the amount of \$475,540. Unanimous approval.
2. **Kansas Avenue Culvert Project Consultant Agreement** - Wood moved and Shannon seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Wilson & Company, Inc., for construction services related to the Kansas Avenue Culvert Project in the amount of \$42,550. Unanimous approval.
3. **Award Bid - Highway 32/Kump Paving Project** - Wood moved and Blanks seconded to award the bid for the Hwy 32/Kump Paving Project to J.M. Fahey Construction Company in the amount of \$382,755.85 subject to KDOT approval. Unanimous approval.
4. **Second Street Waterline Project Design and Construction Management Contract**- Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign a design and construction management contract for the 2nd Street Waterline Project to Wilson & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$56,100. Unanimous approval.
5. **Sidewalk Improvement Project - Award Design Contract** - Shannon moved and McMahan seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign a design contract for the Sidewalk Improvements Project to Wilson & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager’s Report –

- Staff is monitoring the weather. The Recreation Department has cancelled some classes.
- Thanked the Police Officers for attending this evening and thanked Chief Richards for suggesting the City swear in new hires at Council meetings as a way to introduce them to the community.
- The City received notification that the owners of the property at 643 S. 138th Street is being reviewed by the State of Kansas Historical Society on 02/03/24 at 9:30 a.m.
- Received notification about upcoming changes to the household hazardous waste and yard waste site. The service is currently free to County residents, but the Unified Government is considering charging for the service in the future.

Item No. 2: City Council Items –

- **Wood** – Was impressed with the employee newsletter. She also noted that Bonner Springs had two, three-time All-American track athletes.
- **Kipp** – Stated the new fire truck looks like Optimus Prime in the pictures included in the agenda. Wished his wife a Happy Birthday. Thanked City staff for their work keeping everyone safe with the weather.
- **Blanks** – Congratulated Tom Stephens and thanked everyone for being so welcoming.
- **Reeves** - Reminded Staff that the Lakewood Rd extension does not include a loop in the waterline and needs one.

Item No. 3: City Manager's Report –

- Attended Wyandotte/Johnson County Council of Mayors meeting. Representatives from Sharice Davids, Roger Marshall and Jake LaTurner's offices. At the meeting, Mayor Stephens expressed concerns about the future plans for the K7 corridor.
- MLK Jr Day is Monday, City offices will be closed. Invited everyone to join the celebration at First Christian Church from 1:00 pm -2:30pm.
- Welcomed Councilmember Blanks and the reelected councilmembers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk