

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 26, 2024

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

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlant, Finance Director; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Tim Richards, Fire Chief; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Coordinator;

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

PRESENTATIONS –

1. VFW Post 6401 awarded Firefighter Elye Posada, VFW Firefighter of the Year and Animal Control Officer, Kendra Anthony, VFW Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awards.

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

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 February 12, 2024 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Public Hearing to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for Scannell Properties, LLC. (Building 3)** – Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to open the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.. Unanimous approval. Wood moved and Shannon seconded to close the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.. Unanimous approval.
2. **Resolution of Intent to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for Scannell Properties, LLC. (Building 3)** - Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to adopt a resolution of intent to issue industrial revenue bonds and property tax abatement for Scannell Properties, LLC (building 3). Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2024-01.
3. **Public Hearing to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for Scannell Properties, LLC. (Building 3A)** – Gurley moved and Long seconded to open the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.. Unanimous approval. Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to close the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.. Unanimous approval.
4. **Resolution of Intent to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for Scannell Properties, LLC. (Building 3A)** – Shannon moved and Long seconded to adopt a resolution of intent to issue industrial revenue bonds and property tax abatement for Scannell Properties, LLC (building 3A). Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2024-02.
5. **Resolution to Set a Public Hearing for 118th Street & State Avenue STAR Bond District** – Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to adopt a resolution to set a public hearing for April 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. to establish a STAR Bond Project District. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2024-03.

6. Funding Agreement for 118th & State STAR Bond District –

Kipp moved and Long seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a funding agreement for EMAP KC, LLC.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report – Thanked all the restaurants that participated in restaurant week. Welcomed three new fire captains who will be sworn in at the next meeting. Residents are receiving the mailings from the City regarding the federally mandated lead line inventory. The City has received 150 responses so far.

Item No. 2: City Council Items –

Shannon asked for clarification on the incentive package for IRB. He asked if the improvements have been completed on Riverview. Inquired if the City still receives money from Hollywood Casino.

Kipp attended the Chamber event Friday evening and thanked Emily and the board for putting on the tremendous event.

Gurley asked why the library and elementary school were not included in the way finding signs. She also toured the new water treatment plant and says it is mindboggling to see what all goes into creating drinkable water.

McMahan enjoyed his experience at the Chamber event.

Blanks thanked the City Council and City of Bonner administration that attended the Chamber event.

Long stated the Chamber event was great. She has received questions as to why Christmas lights are still up.

Wood agreed the Chamber event dinner was really great.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report – The Mayor commended the great showing by City staff at the Chamber event. He encouraged everyone to check out the Community Center improvements. Thursday evening, he was a judge at the DRE/PTO chili cookoff. The Bonner Springs Police Department and another nearby agency both made a post to their Facebook accounts. The Mayor was appreciative of the positive comments received by local residents in contrast to the comments he saw on the other agency's post and appreciates the support our community provides to our police department.

7. Adjourn Meeting –

Gurley moved and Blanks seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Christina Brake, City Clerk