



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024

WORKSHOP – 7:00 P.M.

1. **McGrath Compensation Study Presentation** – Malayna Halvorson Maes, McGrath Sr. Consultant, reviewed the results of the compensation study and answered questions.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff present: Amber Vogan, Interim City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Tim Richards, Fire Chief; Billy Naff, Police Chief and Dan Trent, City Attorney

Invocation – No invocation presented.

CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA. – None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA - Reeves moved and Gurley seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

1. Minutes of the August 26, 2024, City Council meeting.
2. Claims for City Operation

OLD BUSINESS - None presented.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Public Hearing for 2025 Budget** - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to open a Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget beginning at 7:23 p.m. Unanimous approval.
Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m. Unanimous approval.
2. **Approve 2025 Budget** - Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to adopt the 2025 Budgeted Expenditures of \$34,536,001 and the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax for the 2025 Budget in the amount of \$5,198,475. Unanimous approval.
3. **Award Selection for RFP for Executive Search Services** - Blanks moved and Long seconded to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Strategic Government Resources, for executive recruitment services to fill the city manager position for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. The motion carried on a 5-4 vote with Reeves, Shannon, Wood and McMahan dissenting. The Mayor cast the tie-breaking vote.
4. **Executive Session for Consultation with an Attorney, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)** - Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to go into executive session for consultation with an attorney pursuant to exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:50 p.m. Blanks moved and Long seconded to resume the open meeting with no action taken at 8:54 p.m.

REPORTS

1. **City Manager's Report –**

The Interim City Manager will be at ICMA conference 9/20-9/26, and is planning on attending the next council meeting remotely.

2. **City Council Items**

- Wood stated she was once again impressed with the details of items presented.
- McMahan attended the ROSA committee and relayed the centennial park gazebo roof needs repaired and the basketball court at Lion's Park needs attention.
- Shannon complimented the police department on the drug bust.
- Blanks stated public works indicated they are painting lines on basketball court. Congratulations and thanks to Cassandra for many years of service as the Farmers Market manager. She invited everyone to the Bonner Business Club happy hour from 4-7 tomorrow.
- Reeves stated the cemetery trees look like they haven't been watered enough. The maintenance road on back side of the cemetery is in bad condition, the northeast corner may need a new drain installed. He asked to have staff push harder on some property owners around town to improve their property.

Mayor's Report –

The last evening on Oak coming up this Thursday.

Bonner has had a very successful summer, with a lot of programs.

Wednesday night we are hosting the Johnson/Wyandotte County Council of Mayors. He thanked the City clerk for coordinating that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - Reeves moved and Blanks seconded, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:01 p.m. Unanimous approval

Christina Brake, City Clerk