



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024

WORKSHOP - 6:45 P.M.

1. **Waste Management Presentation** - John Blessing, WM, presented a proposal for a pilot program.
2. **2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan** - Continued until after the regular meeting.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, Interim City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Coordinator; Matt Beets, Deputy Public Works Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Tim Richards, Fire Chief and Chris Jennings, Deputy Fire Chief

Others Present:

Invocation – Pastor Flournoy, Church of the Living God, gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Swearing In New Police Officer - The Police Chief introduced, and the City Clerk administered the Oath to Officer Doane.
2. Presentation on the Financial Impact of Special Events - The Economic Development Coordinator presented information on technology the city uses to extract cell phone data for marketing and analysis Placer.ai. that can show number of visitors and visitor demographics.

CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA. –

Kevin Zimmerly, 13917 Stillwell Road, stated foot traffic is horrible in downtown Bonner. He believes there are too many vacant storefronts and too many businesses that don't bring people in. He stated there are two businesses with cardboard covering all their windows. He asked about handicapped parking on Oak Street. Zimmerly stated people drive by his store and don't stop because there is no designated handicapped parking. Zimmerly stated trash service is horrible. He hasn't been able to get refunded for misses, because the process to request a refund from Wyandotte County is too hard. He wants to be refunded from Bonner Springs, not Kansas City, KS. He wants to be able to opt out of trash service.

CONSENT AGENDA - Reeves moved and Blanks seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

1. Minutes of the October 28, 2024 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. License Renewal - Massage Therapy Business Establishment and Massage Therapist License - Nicole Wiehe with Spa Rapha

4. 3rd Quarter Financial Reports
5. Intergovernmental Service Agreement to Offer Combined Senior Center Trip Opportunities in 2025
6. FTA/DOT Drug and Alcohol Policy - Tiblow Transit
7. KDOT Employee Assistance Program Policy - Tiblow Transit

OLD BUSINESS - None presented.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **FP-03-24 - Replat of Tract A of Deerfield Village for the Bonner Springs Senior Villas** – Shannon moved and Wood seconded to accept the dedication of right of way and easements as shown for the Bonner Springs Senior Villas plat. Unanimous approval.
2. **Resolution to Amend the Development Agreement for the Sandstone Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID)** - Reeves moved and Wood seconded to table the consideration of a resolution to amend and restate the Development Agreement for the Sandstone RHID until the December 16, 2024, City Council meeting. Unanimous approval.
3. **Notice of Public Hearing for 2024 Budget Amendments** - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to approve the public hearing notice and schedule a public hearing for the 2024 Budget Amendments for Monday, November 25, 2024. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

1. **City Manager's Report** –
Public Works reported the water hardness is down to 188ppm. The goal is 150ppm. The Fire and Police departments Cram the Cruiser food drive was successful. Staff will have their holiday gathering Dec 20th.
2. **City Council Items**
 - Wood – Was Glad we have great staff.
 - Shannon – Was concerned about the notification of bond issuance the City Clerk forwarded to the Council. We were notified of the bond issuance; they did not need a resolution of support from us. He is not against low, affordable or moderate-income apartments. He is concerned about housing needs for seniors over age 65. He is also concerned about traffic on Kansas Avenue. Respectfully requests the council hold a special meeting to discuss the housing plans.
 - Blanks – Noted Veteran's Day was yesterday, and thanked veterans for their service and the police department for the Cram the Cruiser event. The Downtown shops holiday open house is Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She thanked public works for getting the holiday lighting up downtown. Edwardsville is hosting a blood drive next Friday. Vaughn Trent Community Services is collecting items for Christmas baskets.
 - Long – Thanked the economic development director for her hard work on events.
 - Reeves – Attended the Leavenworth Veterans Day parade and was happy to see the Bonner Springs Fire department there.
3. **Mayor's Report** –
Received notification from the Wyandotte County health department stating that the satellite clinic hasn't seen the volume they were hoping. Starting in January, the clinic will only be open one day a month for three months. If the volume is still below

expectations, they will move to an appointment only schedule.

Presented Fire Department challenge coins to each of the councilmembers. The Fire Chief presented the coins and a plaque to the Mayor commemorating Fire Chief presented a plaque and provided challenge coins for each council member celebrating the transition to a full-time fire department.

WORKSHOP – Continued

2. **2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan** - Continued after the regular meeting. The finance director reviewed the 2024 budget amendments.

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

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk