



City of Bonner Springs

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City Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025

WORKSHOP – 6:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, Interim City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk and Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director. The City Attorney, Dan Trent was present.

1. **Utility Billing Hearing** - Item rescheduled for January 27th meeting- No quorum in attendance.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, Interim City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Tim Richards, Fire Chief and Matt Beets, Interim Public Works Director

Moment of Silence – for those in California dealing with the fires.

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

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

1. Minutes of the December 16, 2024, City Council Meeting
2. Minutes of the January 2, 2025, Special City Council Meeting
3. Claims for City Operation
4. Massage Therapy Business Establishment and Massage Therapist license for Whitney McAtee at Bonner Springs Integrative Health

OLD BUSINESS - None presented.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Ordinance to Adopt Changes to Chapter VII Fire, Article 1 Fire Department of the Code of Ordinances** - Blanks moved, and Long seconded to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter VII Fire, Article 1 Fire Department of the Code of Ordinances. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report –

- The City Manager thanked Public Works employees for their hard work clearing snow.
- She reminded everyone of the Chamber dinner, February 28th, and councilmembers to RSVP to Amber or Chris
- The City will host an open house meeting on February 3rd to discuss downtown parking options.
- The trash survey results are in the agenda packet for review.

2. City Council Items

- Long – Thank you to everyone who worked during the snow storm and got the roads cleaned.
- Blanks - The annual Chamber banquet is February 28th at the Fuel House at 5:00 pm. Please come celebrate the community. Thank you to Matt Beets and the entire public works team. Trucks were out 24 hours to remove the snow. She was disappointed and frustrated by a handful of residents who went online to bash city employees and bully and be rude. Staff did a good job removing snow from streets and main arteries. She encouraged people to come to the meetings and have civilized conversations instead of disrespectful comments on social media. Blanks stated we have a great community and thanked everyone for their passion and dedication to the community.
- McMahan - Stated we got some serious weather and he's confident a lot of people stayed home. Public works made their initial plow in his neighborhood which was sufficient. He conversed with two of our local police officers who advised him the Holiday Inn offered Bonner Springs and Edwardsville police officers accommodations during the storm at no expense.
- Shannon - Agrees with what's been said. It's unfortunate to have a few residents who are negative. He appreciates the Fire, Police, EMTs and everyone else.
- Gurley - Asked if the trash poll is closed.

3. Mayor's Report –

Expressed his appreciation to Public works in their handling of the snow storm. He says the job comes with its own stress and long hours and he appreciates our staff.

He asked staff to send a letter of appreciation to Holiday Inn.

Stated Commissioner Stites, advised him of additional funding available in the Wyandotte County community benefit fund \$2,500. He wrote a letter to the Unified Government and subsequently Bonner Springs received additional funding for bike racks, the tennis open house, life jackets at aquatic park, Library activities supporting health and mental health needs. Thank you to Commissioner Stites for looking out for us.

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr Day, Mayor Stephens and Mayor Caiharr will present a proclamation at a ceremony will be held at the First Christian Church from 1-2pm

Spoke at the Unified Government Commission meeting on Thursday. The five commissioners in attendance, supported the return of SCIFY funding.

ADJOURNMENT - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:48 p.m. Unanimous approval.

Christina Brake, City Clerk