



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2025

WORKSHOP – 6:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, Interim City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Coordinator and Billy Naff, Police Chief

1. **Solid Waste Collection Discussion** - In 2012, when the Unified Government updated the WM contract, they changed the wording from Unified Government, to Kansas City, Kansas. Effectively removing Bonner Springs from inclusion in their contract. While we still have an interlocal agreement with the Unified Government, Bonner needs to get an independent contract for solid waste collection. WM is putting together proposals that would be close to our current rates. WM requests a 3-to 4-year contract minimum. A representative from WM will be at the meeting on March 10th to discuss options and answer questions. Staff has requested proposals and a draft contract. The council discussed their concerns, questions and priorities.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, Interim City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Coordinator and Billy Naff, Police Chief

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

PRESENTATIONS –

1. **VFW Post 6401 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award** - The VFW presented an award to Officer Watson and recognized him as the VFW Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.
2. **Proclamation - Eagle Scout Tyler Beets** - The Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing Tyler Beets for earning his Eagle Scout award.

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

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

1. Minutes of the February 10, 2025, City Council Meeting
2. Minutes of the February 20, 2025 Special City Council Meeting
3. Claims for City Operation
4. Massage Therapy Business Establishment and Massage Therapist Licenses for Jody Schneweis at Massage by Jody.

OLD BUSINESS - None presented.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Addition of a Part-Time Animal Control Kennel Attendant Position Within the Police Department** - Shannon moved and Long seconded, to authorize the police department to add a part-time animal control employee to the organization. Unanimous approval.
2. **Ordinance to Amend the Pay Plan** - Blanks moved and Reeves seconded to adopt an ordinance amending the pay plan. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2588
3. **Ordinance to Establish Regulations Concerning Excessive Noise** - Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas Chapter XII. Public Offenses, Article 2. Local Provisions, to establish regulations concerning excessive noise. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2585

REPORTS

1. **City Manager's Report** – The Interim City Manager reported that Matt Beets was promoted to Public Works Director. The interview panel selected Matt unanimously.
The Fire Department reported that the mutual aid agreements have been beneficial to us.
The written report included information from Public Works about the significant storm events.
2. **City Council Items**
 - Blanks thanked the Fire and Police departments and neighboring agencies for their work.
 - Congratulated Matt Beets. Reminded everyone that it is currently restaurant week in Bonner Springs and encouraged everyone to check out the specials at our local restaurants. Announced the following upcoming events: Happy Hour on March 4th, Women's Networking Morning Mingle on March 7th, The Penguin Plunge benefiting Happy Hearts Working on March 8th. The March Chamber luncheon was moved to March 13th. Thanked City staff for their support of the Chamber's annual banquet.
 - Reeves thanked Emily for her work.
 - McMahan congratulated Matt Beets and family. Thanked Pastor Flournoy for the invocation and his service to the community.
 - Gurley asked if there were any updates on the Dari Dine building or on the 138th Street project.
3. **Mayor's Report** – The Mayor thanked Matt Beets for taking the Public Works Director position, and stated he thinks Matt is a wonderful choice.

ADJOURNMENT - Adjournment - Reeves moved and Gurley seconded, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:01 p.m. Unanimous approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk