



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025

WORKSHOP - 6:45 P.M.

1. **Waste Management Presentation** - John Blessing, WM, presented a plan for solid waste collection service and answered questions from Council members. Trash and recycling service would initially start with 96-gallon containers for each residence. Residents will have an option to choose a smaller container after a 90-day transition period. Service would initially include weekly trash collection, and either weekly or every other week recycling collection plus 10 Kraft bags of yard waste weekly, from March through December. Bulk item collection is not included and would be available to residents at an extra cost, by arranging through WM directly. WM is anticipating a June 1st start date of the new service if a contract is approved at tonight's meeting. About a month into the program, WM will begin a recycling education campaign.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Matt Beets, Public Works Director; Megan Gilland, Economic Development Coordinator; Heather Pate, Police Captain; Justine Spease, Recreation Director; Nathan Brunghart, Recreation Coordinator; Chris Jennings, Deputy Fire Chief; David Asmus, Fire Captain

PRESENTATION

1. **Proclamation - Eagle Scout Braden Korgol** - The Mayor presented a proclamation to Braden Korgol recognizing his achievement of earning his Eagle Scout rank.
2. **Proclamation - Gloria Ochoa** - The Mayor presented a proclamation to Gloria Ochoa in appreciation of her years of service with the City of Bonner Springs.
3. **Recognition of Fire Captains Mike Whim Jr. and William Ratliff** - Deputy Fire Chief Jennings recognized Fire Captains Mike Whim and William Ratliff for successfully completing the Hutchinson Community College Fire Officer Leadership Apprenticeship Program.
4. **Proclamation - National Child Abuse Prevention Month** - The Mayor presented a proclamation to Carolyn Schreiner, with the First Judicial District CASA Association, recognizing National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
5. **Proclamation for Arbor Day** - The Mayor presented a proclamation to the Recreation department and Bonner Beautiful members recognizing Arbor Day.

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

CONSENT AGENDA - Councilmember Blanks requested to pull item no. 6 for separate consideration. Shannon moved and McMahan seconded to accept the consent agenda with item no. 6 removed. Unanimous approval.

1. Minutes of the March 24, 2025 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request - Country Stampede Welcome Event

4. Public Use Request - Makers' Fair
5. Public Use Request - Evenings On Oak
6. Public Use Request - Farmers' Market - This item was pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration.
7. Public Use Request - Bonner Blast
8. Public Use Request - Bayles Block Party
9. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

OLD BUSINESS - None presented

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Public Use Request - Farmers' Market** - This item was pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration. Councilmember Blanks stated she spoke with the owners of Kobi's and Red Fortune. They are concerned about the unavailability of parking during Farmer's Market events. The Economic Development Coordinator stated the map attached to the request allows parking for Red Fortune employees, but that it wouldn't be safe to have pedestrians around the farmers' market if traffic is also allowed in the area. Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to approve the public use request for the Farmers' Market as presented. Unanimous approval.
2. **Public Hearing to Amend the Westgate TIF District** - Shannon moved and Long seconded to open the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. Unanimous approval.
Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to close the public hearing at 8:17 p.m. Unanimous approval.
3. **Ordinance to Extend the Westgate TIF Boundary** - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to adopt an ordinance to modify the original Westgate TIF District to expand the property boundaries. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2591.
4. **Resolution to Amend the Development Agreement for the Sandstone Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID)** - Blanks moved and Long seconded to adopt a resolution approving the amended and restated development agreement for the Sandstone RHID. Unanimous approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2025 -03.
5. **Waste Management Contract** - Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign and execute a contract option B for residential solid waste collection with Waste Management. The motion carried five to one with McMahan dissenting.
6. **Purchase of a 2026 Freightliner Dump Truck** - Gurley moved and Long seconded to approve the purchase of the 2026 Freightliner 108SD Plus Cab and Chassis from Premier Truck Group of Kansas City, in the amount of \$118,791. Unanimous approval.
7. **2026 Dump Truck Outfitting Package** - Blanks moved and Shannon seconded to accept the quote to outfit the 2026 Freightliner Dump Truck, from American Equipment in the amount of \$131,178. Unanimous approval.
8. **Donation of Fire Department Amkus Rescue Tool System to Piper High School Firefighter Training Program** - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to approve the donation of the Amkus rescue tool system to the Piper High School Firefighter Training Program. Unanimous approval.
9. **Ordinance to Require Inspection Permits for Mobile Food Trucks** - Blanks moved and McMahan seconded to adopt an ordinance requiring inspection permits for mobile food trucks. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2592.

10. **Great Plains SPCA Contract** - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Great Plains SPCA for animal-related services, pending approval of the contract by the City Attorney. Unanimous approval.
11. **Authorization to Move 2026 Capital Funds to Purchase a Police Vehicle in 2025** - Gurley moved and McMahan seconded to authorize staff to purchase and equip one police department vehicle utilizing CIP funds scheduled for 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$80,500. Unanimous approval.
12. **Main Pump Replacement at the Aquatic Park** - Blanks moved and Shannon seconded approve the replacement of the main pool pump using CIP funds for a total not to exceed \$12,500. Unanimous approval.
13. **Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee 2025 Funding Recommendations** - Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to approve funding in the amount of \$21,995 for Substance Abuse Programs as recommended by the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee. Unanimous approval.
14. **Resolution to Amend the City Fees Schedule** - Blanks moved and McMahan seconded to adopt a resolution amending the City fee schedule for the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas. Unanimous approval.
15. **2025-2026 Benefit Renewals** - Shannon moved and McMahan seconded to authorize the city manager to sign an agreement with MPR to provide employees with health, dental, and vision insurance coverages as presented. Unanimous approval.
16. **Executive session pursuant to exception for consultation with an attorney, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)** - Gurley moved and Blanks seconded to go into executive session pursuant to the exception for consultation with an attorney, K.S.A. 75- 4319(b)(2) The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 9:45 p.m. Unanimous approval.
Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to resume the open meeting with no action taken at 9:45 p.m. Unanimous approval.
17. **Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel Matters Pursuant to Exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)** - Gurley moved and Blanks seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters pursuant to exception, K.S.A.75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 10:03 p.m. Unanimous approval. Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to resume the open meeting with no action taken at 10:06 p.m. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

1. **City Manager's Report** – The City Manager reported Council will hold a special budget planning meeting on Monday, April 21st at 6:30 pm in the police station training room.
The public works director provided an update on the 138th Street project. The high-pressure water line at Cedar Springs has issues.
2. **City Council Items**
 - Gurley received a request from a resident for increased police patrols on Glenwood on weekends.
 - Blanks invited everyone to morning mingle at the police station. She thanked the city manager and public works for getting the medians on Cedar painted yellow Blanks commended the fire department for their quick response to the fire on Kindred. She thanked the resident who notified the police department that her vehicle tags were almost expired and reminded people that

students and young people are in online groups, and see the way some adults talk about other adults. She encouraged people to file at the election office to run for council.

3. **Mayor's Report** – The Mayor reported he received a text message from Carol Farnsworth, Happy Heart Working, stating the architect for her building told her city staff was wonderful to work with.

ADJOURNMENT - Long moved and Blanks seconded to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Christina Brake, City Clerk