



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2025

WORKSHOP – 6:45 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie Laplante, Finance Director; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Coordinator; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Matt Beets, Public Works Director; Tim Richards, Fire Chief; Jack Granath, Library Director; Justine Spease, Recreation Director and Heather Pate, Police Captain

1. **Budget Work Session - Financial Outlook** - The finance director reviewed anticipated changes that may affect revenue in the upcoming years, County valuation changes, the general fund reserve history, 2024 expenditures, 2025 budgeted expenses and revenue neutral rate regulations.

The workshop closed at 7:33 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:40 P.M.

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Jim Jenkins, VFW Chaplain presented the invocation

Proclamation - National Parks and Recreation Month - The Mayor presented a proclamation to parks and recreation department staff recognizing National Parks & Recreation Month.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – Reeves moved and Shannon seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Blanks recused herself from the vote because of her involvement with Tiblow Days through the Chamber of Commerce.

1. Minutes of the June 9, 2025 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request – Tiblow Days

OLD BUSINESS - None presented

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Bid Award - Windows and Roofs** - Shannon moved and Reeves seconded to award the bid to Redhammer Roof Group for roof and window replacements, including add alternate #1 for a total of \$198,262. Unanimous approval.
2. **Acceptance of the Hero Fund USA Grant for Police Grappler Bumper** - Blanks moved and Reeves seconded to authorize staff to accept the Hero Fund USA grant award for the police grappler bumper. Unanimous approval.
3. **Trade of Matrice 210 V2 Drone and Equipment to the Kansas City Kansas Public Schools Police Department for Four Trek Police Bicycles and Equipment** - Gurley moved and Wood seconded to approve the trade of the Matrice 210 V2 drone and associated equipment, for four Trek police bicycles and associated equipment, with the Kansas City Kansas Public Schools police department. Unanimous approval.
4. **PowerDMS Action by NeoGov Contract** - Wood moved and Shannon seconded to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with PowerDMS by NeoGov for PowerAction subscription and setup with a first-year cost of \$2,500.13. Unanimous approval.
5. **Ordinance to Increase Transient Guest Tax Rate** - Shannon moved and Blanks seconded to adopt an ordinance to increase the City of Bonner Springs Transient Guest Tax rate to eight percent (8%). Unanimous approval. Assigned Charter Ordinance No. 39.
6. **Ordinance to Allow Sidewalk Use for Businesses** - Store owner, Tracy Shiner, CST Sweets, spoke in support of the ordinance. Gurley moved and Wood seconded to adopt an ordinance to allow sidewalk use for businesses. Tracy Shiner, CST Sweets, encouraged the Council to approve the ordinance. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2597.

REPORTS

1. **City Manager's Report** – The City Manager's report in the packet includes updates for ongoing projects, including estimated completion dates for projects. These updates are on the City website as well. The report in the packet includes an introduction to the new Assistant City Manager. She will attend the next council meeting.
2. **City Council Items**
 - Blanks - Thanked staff for the updates on public works projects and for their work on the WM transition processes. Blanks Reminded everyone of upcoming events; the Country Stampede kickoff party is Wednesday, in Centennial Park from 5-10 pm. July 3rd is Bonner Blast. Blanks stated she appreciated the invocation by Jim Jenkins and encouraged everyone to focus on remembering kindness.
 - Long - Reported a resident asked about senior water subsidies but indicated they thought the income guidelines were very low.
 - Reeves - Requested the council hold a workshop in the next two 2–3 months for a conversation specifically about splash pads.
 - McMahan - Asked if Happy Hearts got settled in their new building? They have officially taken ownership, but have not moved in yet. McMahan also stated most of his constituents are caught up with trash carts.
 - Gurley - Is excited the car show is coming back downtown for Tiblow Days. Gurley stated she still gets questions about progress at the old Dari Dine location.
 - Kipp - Won't be at the meeting on the 14th. Kipp stated the pool staff have been outstanding.
 - Shannon - Stated the yellow line on Nettleton has faded and asked if it can be repainted.
3. **Mayor's Report** – The Mayor relayed stories from residents regarding the transition to the WM carts.

ADJOURNMENT - Blanks moved and McMahan seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Christina Brake, City Clerk