



City of Bonner Springs

KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2025

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie Laplante, Finance Director; Michael Kelling, Police Captain; Mark Lee, Community Development Director; Matt Beets, Public Works Director and James Zeeb, Interim Fire Chief

The Mayor led the Pledge of allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Swear In New Fire Department Personnel** - The city clerk administered the oath to firefighters Rodriguez and Meerdink.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – Reeves moved and McMahan seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

1. Minutes of the July 28, 2025 City Council Meeting
2. Claims for City Operations
3. Public Use Request - Police Department Grappler Training
4. Public Use Request - Tiblow Days Amended Request

OLD BUSINESS - None presented

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Approve Notice of Public Hearing and Schedule Public Hearing for Proposed 2025 Budget Amendments** – McMahan moved and Long seconded to approve the public hearing notice and schedule a public hearing for the 2025 Budget Amendments for Monday, September 8, 2025. Unanimous approval.
2. **Approve a Notice of Public Hearing and Schedule Public Hearing for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate and Adoption of the 2026 Budget** - McMahan moved and Reeves seconded to approve a notice of public hearing and schedule a public hearing for exceeding the revenue neutral rate and adoption of the 2026 Budget for Monday, September 8, 2025. The motion carried 5-1 with Kipp dissenting.
3. **Agreement for Water and Wastewater Rate Analysis** - Gurley moved and McMahan seconded to approve an agreement with Carl Brown representing GettingGreatRates.com to perform a Utility Rate Analysis for the Water and Wastewater funds for a cost not to exceed \$19,427. Unanimous approval.

4. **EV-01-25; Utility Easement Vacation - Sandstone Townhomes** - McMahan moved and Long seconded to adopt the ordinance as presented, vacating the utility easement as legally described. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2599.

REPORTS

1. **City Manager's Report** – The city manager reported that MPR hosts a conference each year. The conference this year is October 22-24. Some staff will attend. There is one position open for a governing body member. If someone wants to go, please contact the city manager.
2. **City Council Items**
 - Kipp asked if the water hardness and well tests met expectations? Staff verified that they did.
 - Reeves thanked city staff for spraying Spring Creek. He reported a pothole by the nursing home at Cornell and Morse Ave., and asked City staff to find out if it is the City's responsibility or the property owner's.
3. **Mayor's Report** – The Mayor reported he attended Deputy Ming's service today and that there was a large turnout. He asked about the engineer's report on chimney repairs. Staff reported they hope to have scaffolding in place to secure a path under the chimney before Tiblow Days.

ADJOURNMENT - McMahan moved and Reeves seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:52 p.m. Unanimous approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk