



City of Bonner Springs

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City Council Meeting Minutes October 13, 2025

WORKSHOP - 7:00 P.M. –

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

City Staff Present: Amber Vogan, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Megan Gilliland, Economic Development Manager; James Zeeb, Fire Chief; Matt Beets, Public works Director; Jack Granath, Library Director and Michael Kelling, Police Captain

1. **Splash Pad Discussion** - The recreation manager presented options and information on a potential future splash pad.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

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The mayor led the Pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – National Friends of the Library Week - The Mayor presented a proclamation to members of the Friends of the Bonner Springs City Library.

CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA – Alex DeMoro, Linwood, KS, stated he is a vendor at the Bonner Springs Farmers Market. DeMoro asked the Council to install a restroom at, or near, the farmers' market for public use. DeMoro offered to try to raise funds to help with the restroom cost and suggested potentially raising 50% of the cost if the City would be willing to provide the rest.

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

1. Minutes of the September 22, 2025 City Council Meeting
2. Minutes of the October 9, 2025 Special City Council Meeting
3. Claims for City Operations

OLD BUSINESS - None presented

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **Public Hearing and Ordinance to Adopt Neighborhood Revitalization Plan No. 7 –**
 - a) Gurley moved and Blanks seconded to open a public hearing at 7:45 p.m. to hear public comments.
 - b) Blanks moved and Reeves seconded to close the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. to hear public comments.
 - c) Reeves moved to table the ordinance. No second was made. The motion failed for lack of second.
 - d) Gurley moved and Wood seconded to adopt an ordinance establishing Neighborhood Revitalization Plan No. 7. Unanimous approval. Assigned Ordinance No. 2601
2. **Development Agreement between the City of Bonner Springs and EMAP KC, LLC Related to the 118th and State STAR Bond District** - Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to adopt a resolution, including edits to section 3, approving a development agreement between the City of Bonner Springs and EMAP KC, LLC related to the 118th and State STAR Bond District, and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement. Unanimous Approval. Assigned Resolution No. 2025-08.
Greg Kindle, Wyandotte Economic Council, voiced his support of the project.
Glen Bilbo, EMAP KC, LLC, and Marc Abbott, Polsinelli, answered questions about the project.
3. **Audit Contract 2025 & 2026 Fiscal Years** - Shannon moved and Reeves seconded to approve a two-year contract extension with Gordon CPA to perform audit services for the City for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 in the amount of \$17,375 and \$17,985 respectively. If a single audit is required, the fee will be \$3,700 per major program. Unanimous approval.
4. **Award Bid - Aquatic Park Conditions Assessment** - Wood moved and McMahan seconded, to award the contract for the Aquatic Park Conditions Assessment to Counsilman-Hunsaker in the amount of \$14,400. Unanimous approval.
5. **Approve Change Order and Final Payment of the 2025 Concrete Project** - Blanks moved and McMahan seconded, to approve Change Order No.1 (final) with Celtic Concrete in the amount of \$33,540, revising the total contract amount for the 2025 Concrete Project to \$135,455 and approve final payment. Unanimous approval.
6. **Interlocal Agreement with the Unified Government for Resident Access to Waste Services and Events –**
Shannon moved and Reeves seconded, to authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Unified Government for waste services and events. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

City Manager's Report – The staff in-service was well attended. Thanked the Governing Body for allowing to close City offices, and thanked Carrie Handy and employees for their work.

The Department of Motor Vehicles satellite office in City Hall is opening Thursday. It will be open Mondays and Thursdays from 8a.m. - 4:30p.m. for registration renewals. The plan is to install a drop box in the future as well.

1. City Council Items

- Blanks asked if there will be a ribbon cutting for the DMV satellite office and thanked Commissioner Stites for his work on getting the office opened. Blanks thanked the assistant city manager for coordinating today's in-service. The chamber newsletter went out today. Blanks asked everyone to read it and let her know if you have items you want included in the newsletter. She thanked Edwardsville for hosting the most recent luncheon.
- McMahan stated he went to the Farmers' Market on Saturday and believes the restroom conversation is warranted. McMahan stated the CST Sweets ribbon cutting was phenomenal and the Chamber does a fantastic job. HE thanked Public Works for the new sidewalk work on Cedar and states the Centennial Park gazebo needs new shingles.

- Gurley asked if the city is getting close to the ideal water hardness. The Public Works Director stated it will fluctuate some, but the city is pretty close to the goal. Gurley stated 138th St. at Morse and Grove should open this week.
- Shannon – stated he appreciates everyone's hard work and thanked staff for inviting the Mayor and Council President to the in-service.

Mayor's Report – The Mayor reported QuikTrip will be opening about the end of November.

ADJOURNMENT – Gurley moved and Blanks seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:27 p.m. Unanimous approval.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk