

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, January 14, 2019

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Governing Body Present: Mayor Jeff Harrington; Councilmembers: Mike Thompson, Jordan Mackey, Dani Gurley, Chris Wood, Rodger Shannon, Bob Reeves and Tom Stephens

Governing Body Absent: Councilmember Mark Kipp

City Staff Present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Carrie Frederickson, Public Housing Authority Director and Billy Naff, Police Chief

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and asked Norman Dicer, Landmark Baptist Church, to lead the invocation.

Item No. 1 - Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today's Agenda – None Presented.

Item No. 2 - CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items and asked the staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed.

a. – Minutes of the December 17, 2018, City Council Meeting – Presented for approval.

b. – Claims for City Operations for January 14, 2019 - Presented for approval were supplement claims in the amount of \$515,971.97 and regular claims in the amount of \$296,991.88.

c. - Public Housing Authority Claims for January 14, 2019 – Presented for approval were regular claims in the amount of \$18,799.58 and supplement claims in the amount of \$1,583.23.

d.– Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Cemetery Advisory Committee – Reappoint Gayla Reeves and Elaine Berg to additional three-year terms to expire January 2022.

e. – Johnson County Reciprocal Emergency Water Sales Agreement Renewal – Staff recommended the City Council approve the Johnson County Water Reciprocal Emergency Water Sales Agreement Renewal. The agreement is for a five-year term with an automatic annual renewal after the first five years and a non-emergency rate of \$5.43 per thousand gallons. The emergency rate is \$1.44 per thousand gallons.

Gurley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Stephens seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of seven to zero.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Item No. 1 – Agreement to Purchase VirTra Use of Force Simulator – The Police Chief presented:

- The Police Department The training system is portable for public events and to train officers in important skills like de-escalation before they encounter the need in a live situation.
- Staff reviewed other systems and found the VirTra system encompasses the most training. The company is easy to work with.

Thompson made a motion to authorize the purchase of the VirTra Use of Force training simulator for a total cost of \$79,255. Mackey seconded the motion. Stephens made an amended motion to authorize the purchase of the VirTra Use of Force training simulator for an amount not to exceed \$79,755. Shannon seconded and the amended motion carried on a vote of seven to zero.

Item No. 2 – Authorize the Purchase of High Threat Body Armor from Tyr Tactical - The Police Chief presented:

- The police department included the purchase of critical safety equipment for officers.
- Staff is requesting approval to purchase five sets of high threat body armor to be assigned to tactical patrol officers.

Mackey made a motion to authorize the purchase of High Threat Body Armor from Tyr Tactical for a total cost of \$10,120.25. Shannon seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of seven to zero.

Item No. 3 – Solid Waste Rate Increase – The City Manager presented:

- The City has an interlocal agreement with the Unified Government who contracts with Waste Management for weekly residential trash and recycling services. The contract between the Unified Government and Waste Management provides for annual rate changes which are not subject to negotiation.
- As part of the 2019 Budget process, the City Council approved budget authority for a rate increase.

- Councilmembers asked if all residents have recycling available to them, if any progress has been made to improve the level of service provided. The City Manager stated there have been improvements and Wyandotte County asks that residents report issues in the 311 system for tracking and resolution.
- Councilmember Mackey asked why 784 acres of land that Deffenbaugh/Waste Management owns has been subsidized for the last eight years? He requested someone from the Wyandotte County Appraisers Office come and explain to the City Council why the tax appraisals on land owned by Deffenbaugh/Waste Management are so low.

Reeves made a motion to increase the solid waste fee charged to customers for trash and recycling services from \$14.95 to \$15.50 effective February 1, 2019. Shannon seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of six to one with Mackey voting no.

Item No. 4 – 2019 Public Housing Authority Accounting Contract – The Public Housing Authority Director presented:

- Lindsey and Company, Inc. provides fee accounting services to help stay in compliance with HUD as well as year-end accounting forms.
- Staff recommended the City Council approve contract renewal.

Gurley made a motion to approve the 2019 PHA Accounting Fee Contract with Lindsey and Company, Inc. Stephens seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

Item No. 1 - City Manager's Report – The City Manager reported:

- Reminded everyone city offices will be closed Monday, January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day.
- The police department phones have been moved to the FirstNet program offered by AT&T. The intent is to move the landline phones from the plexar system to a voice over IP system estimated to save the city \$60-80,000 annually.
- Frank Abart, started today as Public Works Director.
- The Police Department is working diligently on nuisances; yard cleanup, general upkeep, inoperable cars.
- Currently working with Dan Trent to solidify an agreement for City Attorney and City Prosecutor services.

Item No. 2 - City Council Items –

- Reeves wants to see less continuances in the municipal court.
- Stephens commended the public works staff on their work clearing the streets
- Gurley asked if there are any updates regarding the crane company on K-32.
- Gurley reported that the ditch on 138th Street now has a tree and fencing in it; it continues to collapse. The City Manager plans to represent the project to MARC to attempt again to get funding for the project.
- Wood was concerned about Councilmember Mackey's report on land owned by Waste Management.
- Thompson Congratulated Chief Naff and Major Nicholson on the Major's selection to the FBI National Academy.
- Mackey asked who handles properties in tax arrears. The City Manager stated the county manages tax records. The City Manager gave an overview of the process for adding property to the land bank.

Item No. 3 – Mayor's Report – The Mayor:

- Congratulated the Police Department on the Major's selection
- The City received recognition from the Renaissance Festival and thanked Roger Clements.
- Attended the Wyandotte/Johnson County Council on Mayors hosted by KCK/WyCo Mayor Alvey. The meeting was held at Pinnacle soccer facility.
- Wyandotte County Mayors have a scheduled gathering coming up.
- Thanked everyone for their involvement with the Christmas parade.
- Spoke at Leadership 2000 about local government and participated in a round table discussion.
- The League of Kansas Municipalities Local Government Day is coming up. Councilmembers should RSVP to the City Clerk tomorrow to participate.
- Received several comments about snow removal in Bonner Springs.
- Commended the public works department on their ongoing work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk