

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 12, 2020

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Harrington, Shannon, Mackey, Thompson, Wood, Gurley, Kipp, Reeves and Stephens.

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Christina Brake, City Clerk, Amber McCullough, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, Tillie LaPlante and Public Works Director, Frank Abart

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and asked Councilmember Mike Thompson to lead the invocation.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today’s Agenda – Pam Arsenault, 140 Allcutt, stated she has no objection to teens playing outside on basketball hoops on their own property. She states her neighbors encourage kids to play basketball in the street from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Ms. Arsenault stated she almost hit a child in the street previously. She stated she has talked to the owner of the property and talked to the police department. She read a list of states that she believes do not allow basketball goals in the street and asked the Council of Bonner Springs to join those states in prohibiting basketball goals in the street.

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 pulled.

Minutes of the September 28, 2020 City Council Meeting

Claims for City Operations

Claims for Public Housing Authority Operations

Public Use Request – Drive by Trunk or Treat

Cedar Waterline Project Acceptance

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item No. 1: Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Project – Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Community Facilities category. Unanimous approval.

The Mayor asked for public comment in favor or opposition of the application. None presented.

Stephens moved and Reeves seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 2: Resolutions for the Community Development Block Grant Program Application – Wood moved and Thompson seconded to adopt a resolution declaring the properties at 112 and 120 Oak Street blighted with respect to the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. Unanimous approval. Resolution No. 2020-12

Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to adopt a resolution certifying legal authority to apply for the 2021 Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program from the Kansas Department of Commerce. Unanimous approval. Resolution No. 2020-13

Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to adopt a resolution assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be provided for operations and maintenance of the improvement. Resolution No. 2020-14

Item No. 3: Resolutions for the Use of Facsimile Signatures – Stephens moved and Reeves seconded to adopt two resolutions directing Union Bank and Trust Company to honor checks and other instruments bearing facsimile signatures. Unanimous approval. Resolution Nos. 2020-15 and 2020-16

REPORTS

Item No. 1 - City Manager's Report

- The City is experiencing issues with the water treatment plant and is currently wholly on BPU water until those issues are resolved. All four 8-inch water lines have been replaced and the City is now evaluating the filter media and electrical components.
- The RFQ for the Owner's representative for the Water Plant project closes tomorrow. Once the RFQs have been evaluated, staff will present to the City Council.
- Wyandotte County was awarded \$3.5 million of CARES funds to expand a fiber network within the county. The proposed network will create a loop around western Wyandotte County. The City Manager has requested a Memorandum of Understanding from the county prior to discussing the \$200,000 contribution requested of Bonner Springs.

Item No. 2 - City Council Items

- Gurley asked for updates on Covid-19 cases for Bonner Springs.
- Gurley stated she has seen an increase in vehicles ignoring the island and turning north onto K-7 off of Commercial Drive.
- Kipp asked if the proposed fiber network was available only for schools?
- Stephens asked if the library would be involved also.
- Mackey thanked Matt and Justine for participating in the clean-up of Fisher Park in Rosedale. Mackey thanked the Staff of USD204 for their help, thanked the owner of Frontier Justice for choosing Wyandotte County in which to open her woman-owned business and thanked the Water department staff for their assistance.
- Wood appreciated the photos included in the presentation about the CDBG program.
- Reeves stated he had concerns about the quality of the weed trimming in the front part of the cemetery. He stated the mowing looked good but he didn't think the weed trimming was done well.
- Reeves asked about the financing options for the water treatment plant.

Item No. 3 – Mayor's Report

- The Mayor thanked Dennis at KBS for a great tour of the new City Hall and Police Facility.
- Stated the Riverview improvements should begin after Powell Drive is completed.
- Asked about the status of the Old Dominion site, Bonner Crossings, Urban Outfitters and the American Royal projects planned for future development in and around Bonner Springs.
- The Mayor asked staff to check into the basketball noise complaint presented by a resident.
- Former Mayor Clausie Smith is out of the hospital and in rehabilitation and would appreciate cards.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk