The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015.

**Governing Body Present:** Mayor Jeff Harrington; Councilmembers: Tom Stephens, George Cooper, Bob Reeves, Mark Kipp (arrived at 7:36 p.m.) and Rodger Shannon

**Governing Body Absent:**

**City Staff Present:** Amber McCullough, City Clerk; Marcia Harrington, Community and Economic Development Director and Carol Sharp, Human Resources Director

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Item No. 1 – Proclamation Presentation Champions of Change** – The Mayor presented a proclamation to Anthony Davis, Bonner Springs Police Department and Blake McMahan, Bonner Springs High School to recognize their award from President Obama for Champions of Change.

**Item No. 2 – Proclamation Presentation Fire Prevention Week** - The Mayor presented a Proclamation to members of the Fire Department to recognize Fire Prevention Week October 4 through 10.

**Item No. 3 – Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today’s Agenda** – Guy Tiner, 924 South 132 Street, was concerned that he was cited for a piece of agricultural property in violation of the City’s weed policy. Mr. Tiner asked the City Council to reevaluate the weed policy as it applies to agricultural property.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items 4 through 8 and asked the staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed.

**Item No. 4 – Minutes of the September 14, 2015 City Council Meeting** – Presented for approval.

**Item No. 5 – Claims for City Operations for September 28, 2015** - Presented for approval were the Supplement Claims in the amount of $24,591.38 and Regular Claims in the amount of $96,331.28.

**Item No. 6 – Public Housing Authority Claims** – August 28, 2015 – Presented for approval in the amount of $20,364.42.

**Item No. 7 – Pay Plan Change** –
- The City Council reached consensus at the September 14 Workshop to eliminate the training period pay increase.
- The training period pay increase creates pay compression issues when the City completes a salary survey or when employees hired prior to July 1, 2012 transfer to a different department.
- Staff recommended the City Council approve a change to the pay plan to eliminate the fifty-cent pay adjustment upon completion of the training period currently contained in the City’s pay plan.

**Item No. 8 – Changes to Travel Policy** –
- The current policy states City vehicles should be used for travel when available for City travel. If a City vehicle is not available or feasible, employees are reimbursed at the IRS established rate for use of their personal vehicle.
- Rental vehicles may be more cost effective than reimbursement at the IRS rate for an employee’s personal vehicle.
- Staff provided the recommended changes to the policy in legislative style in the agenda.
- Staff recommended to amend the policy to include the use of a rental vehicle if it is the lowest cost option for travel.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

Cooper made a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Reeves seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of five to zero. The Mayor abstained on check number 128113 for vendor no. 0402.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Item No. 9 – Ordinance to Adopt the Standard Traffic Ordinance 2015 Edition** – The City Clerk presented:
- The Standard Traffic Ordinance is the same one adopted each year prepared by the League of Kansas Municipalities with the addition of the seventy-five mile per hour speed limit on separated multi-lane highways to incorporate the increased speed limit on I-70.
- Councilmember Cooper expressed his concern that the thirty mile per hour speed limits on residential streets is too fast.

Cooper made a Motion to Approve an Ordinance to Adopt the Standard Traffic Ordinance 2015 Edition. Reeves seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of five to zero. **Assigned Ordinance No. 2414.**
Item No. 10 – Ordinance to Adopt the Uniform Public Offense Code 2015 Edition – The City Clerk presented:

- The Uniform Public Offense Code prepared by the League of Kansas Municipalities is the same one adopted each year and there were no amendments this year to the Code.
- Stephens made a Motion to Approve an Ordinance to Adopt the Uniform Public Offense Code 2015 Edition. Shannon seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of five to zero. **Assigned Ordinance No. 2415.**

Item No. 11 – City Manager’s Report – The Community and Economic Development Director reported in the City Manager’s absence:

- The Bonner Springs High School Homecoming parade is October 2.
- The Third Street Asylum opens October 2.
- The Fire Department open house is October 10.
- The Great Midwest Balloon Fest is October 23 and 24. Anyone interested in volunteering to help at the ticket booths should contact the Chamber of Commerce.

Item No. 12 – City Council Items –

- Cooper expressed his concern about the Thriftway grocery store closing.
- Cooper stated that he had not heard about the status of the developer interested in affordable senior housing in Cedar Springs as well as other development projects.
- Cooper commended the high school football team and Conner Byers.
- Stephens attended the trail opening in Edwardsville on September 19.
- Stephens and Shannon attended the police department promotion ceremony on September 23.
- Stephens attended the the rededication of the B25 Memorial on September 25.

Item No. 13 – Mayor’s Report – The Mayor reported:

- Attended the trail opening and City of Edwardsville birthday celebration on September 19.
- Encouraged all to vote for the Bonner Springs High School Homecoming game to be “Game of the Week” on Channel 9 and so the team may receive a $500 scholarship.
- Presented a proclamation on September 27 at Victory Assembly Church to recognize Blake McMahan for his award from President Obama as a “Champion for Change”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. __________________________ Amber McCullough, City Clerk