City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2017

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017.

**Governing Body Present:** Mayor Jeff Harrington; Councilmembers: George Cooper, Joe Peterson, Mike Thompson, Mark Kipp, Rodger Shannon, Tom Stephens and Dani Gurley and Bob Reeves

**City Staff Present:** Sean Pederson, City Manager; Amber McCullough, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Rick Sailler, Public Works and Utilities Director; Matt Beets, Project Manager and Skip Dobbs, Parks and Recreation Director

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Rodger Shannon and Bob Reeves mothers who both passed away. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and asked Pastor Andy Frazier, to lead the invocation.

**Item No. 1 - Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today’s Agenda** – Argentina Angel, 720 Sheidley, was concerned about stray dogs on her property. Two stray dogs were recently on her property and attacked her small dog. She called Animal Control the next morning to report the issue. She was concerned that the dogs were allowed to run loose. The Mayor advised the city does have ordinances in place to prevent loose animals and asked her to call animal control any time she sees an animal running at large.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items 2 through 7 and asked the staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed.

**Item No. 2 – Minutes of the February 13, 2017 City Council Meeting** – Presented for approval.

**Item No. 3 – Claims for City Operations for February 27, 2017** - Presented for approval were Supplement Claims in the amount of $26,875.85 and Regular Claims in the amount of $94,290.13.

**Item No. 4 – Public Housing Authority Claims for February 27, 2017** – Presented for approval were Regular Claims in the amount of $22,368.36.

**Item No. 5 – Appointments to Boards and Commissions** – Senior Center Advisory: Veronica Smith and Nancy McGowan to fill expired terms previously held by Jacqueline Lee and Winona Vernod. Terms will expire March 2020.

**Item No. 6 – Postage Meter Contract** – Staff recommended the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign a sixty-month lease with Lineage for a postage meter at a cost of $164 per month.

**Item No. 7 – Program Fee Setting Policy Change Request** – Staff recommended the City Council adjust the Governing Body Policy to allow Parks and Recreation staff to set and adjust program fees.

**Item No. 8 - 2017 Drug and Alcohol Funding Recommendations** - The Finance Director and Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee recommended the City Council approve program funds in the amount of $12,000 for 2017 substance abuse programs. The requests received were less than the approved budget of $25,000. The Committee may request the City Council fund additional programs later this year.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

Cooper made a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Gurley seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Item No. 9 – Bid Award Articulating Rubber Tire Front End Loader** – The Project Manager presented:

- Staff reviewed the bids and compared the equipment and recommended the City Council approve awarding the bid to Victor L. Phillips Co.
- The city will receive $30,000 from insurance to replace the previously damaged loader. The additional $26,150 will be split between the General Fund and the Utility Fund operating budgets.
- Reeves made a Motion to Award the Bid for a Wheel Loader to Victor L. Phillips Co. for an Amount Not to Exceed $56,150. Stephens seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

**Item No. 10 - City Manager’s Report** – The City Manager reported:

- The National Consumer Protection Free Document Destruction will take place Tuesday, March 7th from 11:00am to 1:00pm.
- Don Slone, City Planner was appointed to fill the open alternative position on the MARC Active Transportation Programming Committee.
The second Citizen’s Police Academy will begin April 6th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm through June 8th. Anyone interested in attending should contact the police department by March 8th.

Tourism entered a photograph in the Hometown Showdown through the League of Kansas Municipalities. Please vote for the photo between February 28th and March 5th at http://www.lkm.org/

Staff included the department year end reports in the City Manager’s report in the agenda.

Item No. 11 – City Council Items –
Gurley asked how the picture was chosen for the Hometown Showdown. Staff reported the Tourism department selected the picture.
Cooper stated the Jazz on the Lake fundraiser was great. He asked if he can vote with a thumbs up or thumbs down in City Council meetings instead of a verbal vote so that he can abstain from talking for Lent. The Mayor stated Council members need to provide their constituents’ input at the meetings as well as voting.
Reeves reported there are potholes on the apron of the McDonald’s parking lot and an area on Loring Drive needs attention.
Stephens encouraged Council members to attend the Citizens Police Academy. He invited everyone to attend the Kiwanis pancake breakfast in the high school cafeteria.
Kipp thanked everyone for their support of Jazz on the Lake. He received positive feedback about the quiet zone study.
Shannon thanked everyone for their thoughts.
Stephens asked if the City is considering locking the access to the shooting range.

Item No. 12 – Mayor’s Report – The Mayor reported:
The Jazz on the Lake fundraiser was a big success.
Received a report of a lot of glass on Clark and Spring Streets.
Laura Burch, Bonner Springs Arts Alliance, invited the Mayor, Council members and the City Manager to join in a discussion about arts in Bonner Springs on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at McDaniel school. The debut of the Emergency Services memorial will be May 20th.
The Mayor will speak with the Bonner Springs Historical Society on March 9th to discuss the future of the 1918 building.
Chief Zaretski’s retirement reception will be March 7th at 4:00 p.m.
The search for a new police chief continues and is going well.
The lack of a newspaper continues to create problems; social media has a small impact, the city newsletter, school newsletters and church newsletters help. The Mayor asked council members to send items of concern or interest that need to be shared with others to the City Clerk to distribute through email.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. _______________________________ Amber McCullough, City Clerk