City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, October 9, 2017

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2017.

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

City Staff Present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Amber McCullough, City Clerk; Don Slone, City Planner; Rick Sailler, Public Works Director; Denny Hubbel, Fire Chief and Scott Hoch, Assistant Fire Chief

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and asked Pastor Charles Grant, Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, to lead the invocation.

Item No. 1 – Waste Management Presentation to Fire Department – John Blessing, Public Sector Manager with Waste Management presented a $10,000 donation to the Bonner Springs Fire Department.


Item No. 3 – National Community Planning Month Proclamation – The Mayor presented a proclamation to Don Slone, City Planner, in recognition of National Community Planning month.

Item No. 4 - Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today’s Agenda – None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items 5 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. 5 – Minutes of the September 25, 2017, City Council Meeting – Presented for approval.

Item No. 6 - Claims for City Operations for October 9, 2017 - Presented for approval were supplement claims in the amount of $93,773.60 and regular claims in the amount of $202,441.30.

Item No. 7 – Public Housing Authority Claims for October 9, 2017 – Presented for approval were regular claims in the amount of $3,033.16.

Item No. 8 – Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Vaughn Trent: Reappoint Jane Hanks for another two-year term to expire November 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Item No. 9 – Cemetery Serenity Pavilion Project – The City Clerk presented:

➢ The Cemetery Advisory Committee has been requesting for a pavilion for several years. The 2017 budget included $15,000 for the pavilion. The Cemetery Advisory Committee fundraised $3,333 for a total amount of $18,333.

➢ The city engineer collected bids which were discussed by the committee.

➢ The committee recommended the City Council approve to purchase a 20’ hexagonal metal gazebo with ornamental railing on four sides, ornamental top railings on all sides and a decorative cupola for $17,186.

➢ The concrete pad and footings are estimated to cost less than $2,000 for materials with volunteer labor. The earthwork to level and tamp the site will be provided through volunteer labor also.

➢ Staff anticipates approximately $800 in engineering costs.

➢ The cost for the project will be paid from the $15,000 budgeted, and the $3,333 in the cemetery trust fund collected for this purpose. The remaining $1,667 would come from unused capital funds in the Public Works general fund for a total project amount up to $20,000.

Shannon made a Motion to Authorize Staff to Proceed with the Cemetery Serenity Pavilion Project at a Cost Not to Exceed $20,000. Reeves seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

Item No. 10 – Bid Award for the 40th Street Waterline Upgrade Project – The Public Works Director presented:

➢ The contractor will replace a 1,000-foot section of eight-inch waterline with twelve-inch waterline.

➢ The city received 14 bids with Westland Construction submitting the lowest bid of $56,008
Staff recommended the City Council approve to award the bid for the 40th Street waterline upgrade to Westland Construction for an amount not to exceed $56,008. Gurley made a Motion to Award the Bid for the 40th Street Waterline Upgrade Project to Westland Construction for an Amount Not to Exceed $56,008. Stephens seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

**Item No. 11 – City Manager’s Report –** The City Manager:
- Reviewed the city’s efforts to engage with citizens. The city currently has almost 1,200 followers on Facebook; a recent Facebook post has reached 9,000 people since Friday. The city currently has 536 subscribers to the E-Newsletter. The city also has a presence on other social media sites such as Twitter, Nextdoor, Pinterest, Instagram and YouTube.
- Distributed and reviewed copies of the 2018 City Budget book. The budget book is available on the city’s website. The budget follows Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) guidelines. The 2018 Budget totaled $18,041,888 and $2,210,266 for Capital Expenditures.

**Item No. 12 – City Council Items –**
- Kipp attended “Coffee with a Cop” on Wednesday; represented Parks and Recreation in a golf tournament last week and his daughters enjoyed the fire department open house.
- Gurley invited everyone to the Renaissance Festival final weekend.
- Reeves thanked the fire department for the open house.
- Reeves stated that some houses on the street he lives on are in disrepair and requested the Nuisance Code Officer investigate.
- Reeves stated the city did a better job this summer of mowing Spring Creek but there is a lot of shale washing down the creek.
- Reeves was disappointed the Council didn’t vote on the Government Services Center plans and he sees the potential for huge cost overruns in rehabilitating the 1918 building.
- Cooper stated the dumpster for the apartments at Cornell and Murphy is full and the residents cannot put their trash in the dumpster. He requested the city use Dumpster Enclosure Grant funds to pay the cost of enclosing that dumpster.
- Cooper stated he thought the city should buy items from local businesses even if they are not the lowest cost.
- Stephens made a presentation about service to the Bonner Springs High School National Honor Society.
- Stephens spent Saturday at the Farmer’s Market and had a few people approach him.
- Stephens asked if the city website has a link to the city’s YouTube channel. Staff advised that yes there is a link on the top of the front page.

**Item No. 13 – Mayor’s Report –** The Mayor:
- Participated in Congressman Yoder’s visit to Southwest Steel for National Manufacturing Day. The Mayor welcomed the new owners and thanked them for their partnership in the community.
- Attended a ribbon cutting for Interim Health Care.
- Invited everyone to the Wyandotte County Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast November 3rd at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are $22.
- Addressed the Bonner Springs Elementary third graders about what it takes to be Mayor.
- Complimented city staff on the electronic sign at Nettleton and Sheidley.
- Hosted the Wyandotte/Johnson County Council of Mayors and stated Bonner Springs is a destination for many people across Kansas City.
- Thanked the police, fire and EMS departments for all the work they do.
- Invited everyone to the WyOneDotte Festival Saturday, October 14th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas unification.
- Invited everyone to the Arts Alliance Festival of the Arts Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at McDaniel school.
- Reminded everyone there are three more weeks of Farmers’ Market.
- Advised that some of the flowable fill in the emergency repair work on Nettleton Avenue seems to be failing.
- Stated a tree behind the old police station location appears to be hanging on a utility line.
- Reeves stated some of the barricades on Riverview are missing.

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