

**City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 8, 2006**

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2006 with Mayor Smith presiding.

**Councilmembers Present:** Wendy Scheidt, Jeff Harrington, Jerry Jarrett, Rodger Shannon, Larry Berg, Rory Kuhn, Amber Sechrist, and Doug Clements.

**City Staff Present:** Jack Helin, City Manager; Rita Hoag, City Clerk; Kevin Bruemmer, Project Manager; and Marcia Ashford, Community Economic Development Director.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Item No. 1 – Presentation of Proclamations** – The Mayor read a Proclamation proclaiming May 23 through May 20 as Emergency Medical Services Week. The Mayor presented the proclamation to John Claxton, who reported there would be an Open House on May 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Mayor read a Proclamation proclaiming May 14 through May 20 as Law Enforcement Memorial Week and presented it to Lt. Rick Schubert. Lt. Schubert said a Memorial Service will be held at Kelly Murphy Park on Wednesday, May 10 at noon.

**Item No. 2 – Presentations of Awards to Police Department Personnel** – Awards in the Volunteers In Policing Program were presented to:

- Melissa Anderson - Bronze award for 160 hours of service.
- Terry Vargas - Award for 96 hours of service.
- Bill Mason - Bronze award for 191 hours of service.
- Dorothy Hoffine - Silver award for 392 hours of service.
- Dorothy Hoffine - Outstanding Volunteer.
- Police Chief Haley received an award for 25 years of service and for his work in implementing the Volunteers In Policing Program.

**Item No. 3 - Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today's Agenda** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items 4 through 6 and asked if members of the City Council, City Staff or audience wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed for separate consideration.

**Item No. 4 – Minutes of the April 24, 2006 City Council Meeting** – Submitted for approval.

**Item No. 5 –Claims for City Operations for May 8, 2006** – Supplement Claims for City Operations in the amount of \$15,552.37 and the regular claims in the amount of \$63,355.03 were submitted for approval.

**Item No. 6– Public Housing Authority Claims for May 8, 2006** – Claims for Public Housing Authority for the amount of \$1,929.84 were submitted for approval.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

Clements made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Scheidt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Item No. 7 – Cedar Ridge Incentives Requested by the Developer** – Marcia Ashford, Economic Development Director made a brief presentation:

- Cedar Ridge is a single family development of 101 homes located north of Kansas Drive, west of Commercial Drive, east of 134 Street and south of I-70. The total area to be developed is 38 acres.
- It is in the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program No. 2 area of the City.
- The price of the homes range from \$225,000 to \$300,000.
- The developer will construct necessary public improvements on the site.
- The developers requested two incentives for a total of \$237,450:
  - ❖Reimbursement for cost of the sanitary sewer lift station in the amount of \$171,800 on a per lot basis per final occupancy permit.
  - ❖Request city to waive the \$650 water meter connection fee for 101 homes for a total of \$65,650.

- The Staff recommendation is for a total of \$126,300:
  - ❖ City participation in one-half of the lift station cost of \$171,800 or \$85,900.
  - ❖ Waive one-half of the \$800 water meter connect fee for up to 101 homes or \$40,400.

Discussion followed:

- Harrington suggested the City participate in three-fourths of the cost of the lift station or an additional cost of \$42,950 for a total cost to the City of \$128,850 and to waive \$500 dollars of the \$800 water meter connect fee for a total of \$50,500.
- Clements expressed concern about how incentives might affect future developers who would expect the same, supports the Staff recommendation and stated that at some point the City will have to give incentives that are not detrimental to the City.
- Kuhn said the fees were not intended to be a profit but are to pay for future growth and any portion that is waived slows future progress.

Harrington made a motion to participate at a level of three-fourths the cost of the lift station for \$128,850 and participate with \$500 of the \$800 water connect fee for a total cost to the City of \$179,350. Jarrett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Mayor recommended re-enacting the Economic Development Task Force that is made up of the Mayor and two council members. Kuhn made a motion to appoint Clements to fill the position formerly held by Connie Steele. Shannon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Item No. 8 – Agreement for Loring Lane Bridge Over Wolf Creek** – The Project Manager made a brief presentation:

- This is a three party agreement between KDOT, the Unified Government and the City.
- The project will be let in July 2006 instead of October 2006.
- Unified Government is part of the agreement because they have authorized the City to use County allocated funds for various projects funded through KDOT.
- There are no dollar amounts in the agreement; and when the project is let, Staff will come back to the City Council with the numbers.

Berg made a motion to approve a three party agreement with KDOT and the Unified Government for the Loring Lane Bridge Repair Project. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Item No. 9 – City Manager’s Report** – The following items were added:

- The City Manager asked for clarification on the motion and second for Item No. 7 that the intent was to include: “The City Manager is authorized to sign the development agreement.” Harrington and Jarrett who made the motion and second concurred that it was their intent that this be included.
- Requested a date for review of the Water Study Report and it was scheduled for June 5, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

**Item No. 10 – City Council Items and/or Questions for the City Manager**

- Scheidt asked how the Architect for the Library was funded and the City Manager said the Library Capital Fund will pay for the cost.
- Harrington asked if crack fill on Loring Lane was scheduled and reported that shoulder work on Loring Lane and K-32 was needed. The Project Manager said Public Works does crack sealing and they will check Loring Lane.
- Sechrist asked if the new pool had a built in vacuum system. The Project Manager said a remote control unit to place in the pool to clean the bottom of the pool will be purchased. Sechrist stated clean up was needed at Lion’s Park including work in the restrooms and at Kelly Murphy Park.
- Clements expressed concern about the condition of the sidewalks on Front Street east of Elm.

**Item No. 11 – Mayor’s Items -**

- Received numerous complaints about the loud band at Kobi’s.
- Police officers who have been killed in the line of duty will be honored at a Memorial Service at noon on May 10 at Kelly Murphy Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Rita Hoag, City Clerk