

## City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 26, 2021

The Bonner Springs City Council met in a Workshop session at 6:02 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Christina Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Matt Zayas, Assistant to the City Manager; Billy Naff, Police Chief; Denny Hubbel, Fire Chief; Chris Jennings, Deputy Fire Chief/EMS Director; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director and Frank Abart, Public Works Director

Hale Weirick and Shane Lillich, Perry and Trent were also present.

**Item No. 1: 2020 Year Reviews – Session 2** – The Public Works Director, City Clerk, City Attorney’s Office, Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief, presented their 2020 Year Reviews.

The Workshop session recessed at 7:22 p.m. to be resumed after the regular meeting.

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Christina Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Mark Stites, Codes Enforcement Officer; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager and Billy Naff, Police Chief

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and asked Pastor Flournoy, Church of the Living God, to lead the invocation.

### **PRESENTATIONS –**

Proclamation - The Mayor presented a proclamation to members of Bonner Beautiful in recognition of Arbor Day.

**Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today’s Agenda** – Michelle Carlstedt, Vaughn Trent, provided information about the Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program. Vaughn Trent can help residents apply for KERA and other programs. Carlstedt provided a handout listing the qualifications for KERA qualifications for Vaughn Trent utility assistance and contact information for other available assistance.

Pastor Flournoy, Church of The Living God, provided information about assistance his church and other groups are providing to help ensure Bonner Springs residents don’t go without food.

Jeff Carson, Realty Executives, provided information about the rising cost and unavailability of homes in Bonner Springs and the surrounding area and encouraged City staff to offer incentives to developers to attract new construction of homes.

Steffany Lones, LSXKILR Custom Calibrations and Nano Nitrous, asked why videos of the recent City Council meetings are not on the website; staff responded that the acoustics in the current room make the recordings inaudible; recordings will be placed on the website again once the Council is able to meet in the new chambers. Lones asked about the City budget being published on the website. Lones listed areas of development around the city that increase non-resident traffic such as an Amazon facility, the Renaissance Festival grounds and the amphitheater and asked how the Police Department accounts for those areas. She noted that she requested a ride along with the police department and encouraged other to do the same. She commended Sergeant Kahn, Corporal Reinhold, Sergeant Pate, Captain Kraus, Detective Haney, Officers Marshall, Keon, Bargerstock, Hubbard and Lewis for each of their help with the calls they each responded to at Ms. Lones’ business since opening in Bonner Springs.

**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 removed.

- 1. Minutes of the April 12, 2021 City Council Meeting**
- 2. Claims for City Operations**
- 3. Claims for Public Housing Authority Operations**
- 4. Public Use Request – Maker’s Fair**

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

**OLD BUSINESS** – None Presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item No. 1: Annual Mowing Services – Award Bid** - Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to award the bid for 2021 Annual Mowing Services to Lawn Force in the amount of \$41,834. Unanimous approval.

**Item No. 2: City Band Commission Ordinance Update** – Mackey moved and Gurley seconded to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Administration, of the Code of the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas. Unanimous approval.

**Item No. 3: Property Maintenance Code Updates** – Mackey moved to table the item, but there was no second. Thompson moved and Reeves seconded to approve an ordinance to amend Chapter XI, Property Maintenance – Exterior, of the Code of the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas. Unanimous approval.

**Item No. 4: City Fee Updates**– Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to approve the City fee updates to include the Property Maintenance Code Administrative Citation fees. Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Item No. 1: City Manager’s Report**

- The Farmers’ Market returns on Saturday May 1, 2021.
- Animal Control will host a Pet Registration Amnesty Day at the Farmers’ Market on May 1, 2021. Bonner Animal Rescue will offer microchipping during the event.

**Item No. 2: City Council Items**

- Reeves noticed work was progressing on the Water retention pond at the cemetery. Staff has been applying chemical treatments to remove the cattails.
- Mackey stated the last time the City updated its Wards was in 2021. Staff will review the Wards after Census information is received.
- Gurley asked about the metal artwork that was moved into an alcove outside the new Government Services Center building. Staff reported the artwork will be lit and visible from the inside and outside of the building in that location.
- Gurley asked if a decision was made whether to use seed or sod at the new building. Staff is still getting cost information.

**Item No. 3: Mayor’s Report**

- Noted the County Commission is now responsible for County/City health restrictions.
- The Mayor encouraged everyone who can to get vaccinated
- The Farmers’ Market season begins May 1<sup>st</sup>
- The Makers’ Fair is Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> on Oak Street.
- Tiblow Days returns this year and is tentatively set for August 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>
- The Carnival during Tiblow Days will return this year as well
- Bonner Springs has a new restaurant opening downtown and Perry & Trent moved into a building.
- Wilkerson Crane is nearing completion
- Progress is being made at the Old Dominion site, Compass 70 and the Velocity site.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.  
The Workshop session resumed at 8:58 p.m.  
The Workshop session adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Christina Brake, City Clerk

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