

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, April 27, 2020

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session online via a video and audio conferencing app at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020.

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

City staff present were; Sean Pederson, City Manager; Christina Brake, City Clerk and Billy Naff, Police Chief;

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and asked Chaplain Jim Jenkins to lead the invocation.

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today's Agenda - None presented.

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 pulled.

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Claims for City Operations

Claims for Public Housing Authority Operations

Stephens moved and Reeves seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS - None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Item No. 1 – GSC- Change Order Requests – Thompson moved and Mackey seconded to approve the Change Order Requests as presented. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 2 – GSC Project - Furniture – Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to approve the purchase of furniture, equipment, delivery and installation for the new City Hall and Police Station. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1 - City Manager's Report

The City will forego swim team this year due to restrictions still in place for COVID-19

Staff is discussing the steps needed to open the City back up safely.

The City Manager shared what he believes are very conservative numbers regarding budget shortfalls from COVID-19 closures which result in an approximate \$1.3 million revenue shortfall and discussed the City's reserves.

Item No. 2 - City Council Items

Stephens asked if outstanding projects were being paused but not eliminated due to the uncertain budget.

Stephens asked why there was a projected decrease in property taxes.

Stephens asked if staff planned to open the pool and how social distancing guidelines would be enforced at the pool.

Kipp thanked the City Manager for the clear, clean budget and stated he hopes staff takes their time in determining whether to keep the pool open. Thanked the Police Chief for adapting to the situation.

Wood agreed with Kipp

Thompson thanked the City Manager and all the City staff for the work and care put in when working on the budget.

The City always passes audits and certifications with flying colors and has passed another test with this situation.

Mackey asked if Providence Medical Center Amphitheater will be open? The Police Chief responded the venue is planning to move forward with concerts in July, August, September and forward.

Shannon asked everyone to stay safe and thanked the City staff for their work.

Item No. 3 – Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked the councilmembers for their effort and input at the recent meetings.

Stated he has utmost respect for the professional way the City affairs have been directed.

Submitted Dave Pierce and Dr. Leann Detar Newbert for the Wyandotte County re-opening task force and they are working hard.

He reviewed some of the steps that will be involved in the step down process of re-opening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. _____ Christina Brake, City Clerk