

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, March 10, 2014

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014.

Governing Body Present: Mayor Jeff Harrington; Councilmembers: Tom Stephens, George Cooper, Bob Reeves, Joe Peterson, Jack Knight, Eric Freeman, Racheal Haas and Roger Shannon

City Staff Present: Rita Hoag, City Clerk; Don Slone, Planning Director; Tillie Laplante, Finance Director; Chris Brake, Deputy City Clerk and Ric Johnson, Operations Manager, Wilson and Company

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

Item No. 1 – Proclamation Flood Safety Awareness Week March 16 to 22, 2014 - The Mayor presented a proclamation to the Planning Director in recognition of Flood Safety Awareness Week. The Planning Director provided “Flood Hazard Check Before You Buy” on the Council Bench for each Councilmember.

Item No. 2 – Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today’s Agenda – None Presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items 3 through 6 and asked the Staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed.

Item No. 3 – Minutes of the February 10, 2014 City Council Meeting – Presented for approval.

Item No. 4 – Claims for City Operations – February 24, 2014 – Presented for approval were the Supplement Claims in the amount of \$40,288.63 and Regular Claims in the amount of \$192,370.18.

Item No. 5 – Public Housing Authority Claims – February 24, 2014 – Presented for approval in the amount of \$8,601.96.

Item No. 6 – Drug and Alcohol Committee Recommendation for Program Funds for 2014 – The Finance Director and Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee recommended the City Council approve Program Funds in the amount of \$11,030 for 2014 Substance Abuse Programs. Staff amended the recommendation from the original amount of \$13,530 because the Salvation Army discontinued their substance abuse program. The requests received were less than the approved budget of \$25,000. The Committee may request the City Council to fund additional programs later this year.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Item No. 7 – Ordinance to Amend the Membership of the Cemetery Advisory Committee – The City Staff and the Cemetery Advisory Committee recommended an Ordinance amendment to increase the Cemetery Advisory Committee membership from six to eight.

Reeves made a Motion to Approve an Ordinance to Amend the Membership of the Cemetery Advisory Committee. Haas seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero. **Assigned Ordinance No. 2382**

Item No. 8 – City Engineer Contract with Wilson & Company – City Staff and the City Attorney recommended the City Council approve a contract with Wilson & Company for City Engineer services. The City Clerk made a presentation as follows:

➤The City Council approved a contract with Wilson & Company for City Engineer services in 1991 and approved a minor amendment in 1995.

➤The updated agreement included in the agenda submitted by Wilson & Company reflects the City Engineer services the City needs and removes the retainer provision.

➤Since 1991, Wilson & Company and the City maintained a professional relationship that benefited both parties.

➤Ric Johnson, Operations Manager, Wilson & Company was present to answer questions.

➤Cooper asked what the hourly rate is. Ric Johnson stated Wilson & Company is a multi-discipline Engineering firm and the hourly rate depends on the experience and qualifications of the the individual who performs the work.

➤Cooper asked if the City Engineer Contract is bid on. The City Clerk stated the City initially solicited bids and used Wilson & Company since the City awarded the initial contract. The City Engineer Contract does not preclude other Engineers from the ability to submit bids for design work.

➤The Planning Director stated Wilson & Company has the City's best interests and helped reduce the cost of the 134 Street Project by \$600,000.

Reeves made a Motion to Approve a Contract with Wilson & Company for City Engineer Services. Stephens seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

Item No. 9 – City Manager's Report – No additional items added.

Item No. 10 – City Council Items –

➤Shannon stated the "Chief's Chatter" article included in the City Manager's report was excellent.

➤Reeves asked for the Chief of Police to visit residents who ride small motorized vehicles on the street to inform residents the vehicles are not legal or safe on the street.

➤Cooper stated he is happy that the Police Department will train Officer Pate to fill their Public Information Officer position.

Item No. 11 – Mayor's Report –

➤Will arrange a tour of Cerner for the Mayor's Youth Council.

➤Stated that he presented a proclamation last week on behalf of the City to Dennis Hays for his retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Rita Hoag, City Clerk