

## City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, February 23, 2015

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015.

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

**City Staff Present:** Jack Helin, City Manager; Amber McCullough, City Clerk; Skip Dobbs, Parks and Recreation Director; Officer Anthony Davis; John Haley, Police Chief; Sergeant Mark Zaretski; Officer Heather Pate; Sergeant Andrew Baer; Officer Brennan Bargerstock; and Officer Coleman Marshall

**Others Present:** Senator Fitzgerald, Kansas Legislature

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

**Item No. 1 – Proclamation for Anthony Davis’ UMKC Hall of Fame Induction** – The Mayor presented a proclamation to Anthony Davis in recognition of his induction into the University of Missouri Kansas City Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Item No. 2 - Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today’s Agenda** – Crystal Shannon, 437 Arthur, was concerned about traffic and parking congestion during Tiblow Days and suggested the City offer a park and ride area for attendees. The Mayor stated the City previously tried to use Tiblow Transit to transport individuals who parked further away and it was underutilized. The Chamber of Commerce uses golf carts to help get people to their cars and will continue to consider other options.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items 3 through 7 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 9, 2015 City Council Meeting** – Presented for approval.

**Item No. 4 – Claims for City Operations – February 23, 2015** – Presented for approval were the Supplement Claims in the amount of \$38,678.39 and Regular Claims in the amount of \$114,898.86.

**Item No. 5 – Public Housing Authority Claims – February 23, 2015** – Presented for approval in the amount of \$10,101.38.

**Item No. 6 – Appointments to Boards and Commissions** – Senior Center Advisory Committee: Appoint Betty Walker and Marilyn Clements to fill the positions previously held by Pauline Reitzel and Cathy Ramirez which expire March 2015. The three-year terms will expire March 2018.

**Item No. 7 – Request for Use of City Streets for Bonner Springs Elementary iWalk/iRun Fundraiser** – Bonner Springs Elementary applied for Use of City Streets for an iWalk/iRun Fundraiser on Saturday, April 25, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

### 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. 8 – Reject Gym Lights Bids** – The Parks and Recreation Director made a presentation:

- The Parks and Recreation Budget for 2015 has \$14,500 budgeted for purchase and installation of LED lights for the gymnasium.
- The City received two bids for the Gym Light Project: Yates Electric - \$17,338 and McGuire Electric - \$17,500.
- Both bids exceed the budgeted amount and staff recommends rejecting the current bids.
- Staff found a company who will sell the fixtures directly to the City for a cost savings and the City will request a bid from Westar for lower cost installation.

Reeves made a Motion to Reject the Bids for the Purchase and Installation of the Gymnasium Lights. Peterson seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

**Item No. 9 – Resolution in Opposition of Changes to Municipal Elections** – The Mayor made a presentation:

- Introduced Senator Fitzgerald.
- The City Council is concerned that aligning local and federal elections will create voter apathy towards local issues compared to national and state issues.
- The City Council is concerned that making local elections partisan will divide local government.

Stephens made a Motion to Adopt a Resolution in Opposition of the Kansas State Legislature’s Consideration of Changes to Municipal Elections. Peterson seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero. **Assigned Resolution No. 2015-02.**

**Item No. 10 - City Manager's Report** – The City Manager added:

➤ Chief John Haley will retire from the Police Department on March 20, 2015. The City will hold a public reception for Chief Haley on Wednesday, March 18, 2105.

**Item No. 11 – City Council Items** –

➤ Cooper thanked all the City Councilmembers who supported the Library's Jazz on the Lake fundraiser.

**Item No. 12 – Mayor's Report** –

➤ The Jazz on the Lake fundraiser was very successful.

➤ Thanked the Lake of the Forest community for allowing the library to use the facility.

➤ Stated the library is world class and run by people who are very professional and caring.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Amber McCullough, City Clerk