

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, January 11, 2016

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:34 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Governing Body Present: Mayor Jeff Harrington; Councilmembers: Tom Stephens, George Cooper, Mark Kipp, Dani Gurley, Joe Peterson, Rodger Shannon, Bob Reeves and Mike Thompson

City Staff Present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Amber McCullough, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director and Gloria Ochoa, Senior Center Director

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

Item No. 1 - Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today's Agenda – None Presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items 2 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. 2 – Minutes of the December 14, 2015 City Council Meeting – Presented for approval.

Item No. 3 – Minutes of the December 17, 2015 Special Meeting – Presented for approval.

Item No. 4 – Claims for City Operations for January 11, 2016 - Presented for approval were the Supplement Claims in the amount of \$364,891.50 and Regular Claims in the amount of \$72,647.96.

Item No. 5 – Public Housing Authority Claims for January 11, 2016 – Presented for approval were the Supplement Claims in the amount of \$28,685.70 and Regular Claims in the amount of \$612.89.

Item No. 6 – Unified Government Contract for Senior Center Funds for 2016 – The Unified Government submitted the enclosed agreement for the City to extend the current contract for January 1 through December 31, 2016. The contract includes funds in the amount of \$6,450, unchanged from previous years.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Reeves made a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Gurley seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Item No. 7 – Solid Waste Fees – The City Clerk presented:

- The City has an interlocal agreement with the Unified Government who contracts with Deffenbaugh for weekly residential trash and recycling services.
- The contract between the Unified Government and Deffenbaugh provides for annual rate changes based on the Refuse Rate Index and the Solid Waste Collection Producer Price Index which are not subject to negotiation.
- As part of the 2016 Budget process, the City Council approved budget authority for a rate increase of up to \$.50. Staff recently received confirmation from the Unified Government of the rate increase.
- Staff recommends the City Council approve an increase for Residential Trash and Curbside Recycle from \$14.50 to \$14.75 effective February 1, 2016.

Reeves made a Motion to Increase the Solid Waste Fee charged to customers for Trash and Recycling Services from \$14.50 to \$14.75 effective February 1, 2016. Stephens seconded the motion and it carried on vote of eight to zero.

Item No. 8 – Resolution Naming Official Newspaper – The City Clerk presented:

- Councilmember Peterson excused himself from the room at 7:44 p.m.
- The Chieftain, which has been the official city newspaper for many years, provided notice of their final publication on December 31, 2015.
- State Statute requires the Governing Body designate an Official City Newspaper by Resolution.
- The Unified Government uses the Wyandotte Echo, which satisfies the requirements of KSA 12-1651, as their official newspaper. Unified School District #204 uses the Wyandotte County Business News as their official newspaper.
- Staff recommends the City use the Wyandotte Echo due to the lower publication costs and potential greater circulation with Edwardsville and the Unified Government using them as their official newspaper.

Cooper made a Motion to Approve a Resolution Declaring the Official City Newspaper as the Wyandotte Echo. Shannon seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of seven to zero. Councilmember Peterson returned at 7:45 p.m. **Assigned Resolution No. 2016-01.**

Item No. 9 – Resolution for Sales Tax Election – The City Clerk presented:

- Based upon discussion and consensus reached in the Workshop Meeting November 23, 2015, staff provided the City Council a resolution to Submit to the Electors of the City the Proposition to Levy a One-Quarter Percent (.25%) Retailers' Sales Tax in the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas to be used as a General Purpose Sales Tax to

Fund General Operations to Provide an Adequate Level of Services within the City of Bonner Springs. The consensus of the City Council in the Workshop Meeting was to use the Mail Ballot election method for an estimated cost of \$10,500.

➤ Staff estimates the one quarter of one percent sales tax will generate approximately \$467,000 per year. Reeves made a Motion to Approve a Resolution to Hold a Mail Ballot Election on April 12, 2016 to Levy a One-Quarter Percent General Retailers' Sales Tax in the City of Bonner Springs. Shannon seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero. **Assigned Resolution No. 2016-02.**

Item No. 10 – City Manager's Report – The City Manager reported:

- Welcomed Tiffany Glover who started on January 4 as the Recreation Coordinator.
- Appointed Rick Sailer as the Interim Public Works Director.
- City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Item No. 11 – City Council Items –

- Gurley asked who is responsible for the timing of the stoplights at K-7 and I-70? The State coordinates the lights and adjusts them throughout the day based upon traffic patterns.
- Gurley stated the magnets mailed by the Parks and Recreation department were great. Suggested reinforcing the mailers to prevent damage.
- Cooper reported pot holes in the road by the library.
- Cooper stated he heard the post office is removing the drive through mailboxes.
- Cooper asked for an update on the new software for Emergency Services.
- Cooper encouraged everyone to attend the Coffee Talk at the Library at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Item No. 12 – Mayor's Report – The Mayor:

- Thanked everyone for the Holiday wishes.
- Stated the employee recognition meal was well done and he enjoyed the changes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

_____ Amber McCullough, City Clerk