

## City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, March 28, 2016

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2016.

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

**City Staff Present:** Amber McCullough, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director; Marcia Harrington, Community and Economic Development Director; Skip Dobbs, Parks and Recreation Director; Carrie Newton, Public Housing Director and Rick Sailer, Utilities Director

**City Staff Absent:** Sean Pederson, City Manager

**Others Present:** Dan Trent, City Attorney

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

**Item No. 1 – Proclamation Presentation – Fair Housing Month - April**– The Mayor presented a proclamation to the Public Housing Authority Director to recognize Fair Housing Month.

**Item No. 2 - Proclamation Presentation – National Library Week - April 10 through 16** – The Mayor presented a proclamation to Jack Granath, Library Director to recognize National Library Week.

**Item No. 3 - Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today’s Agenda** – None presented.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Council President read the Consent Agenda Items 4 through 8 and asked the staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed.

**Item No. 4 – Minutes of the March 14, 2016 City Council Meeting** – Presented for approval.

**Item No. 5 – Claims for City Operations for March 28, 2016** - Presented for approval were the Supplement Claims in the amount of \$26,242.49 and Regular Claims in the amount of \$96,452.73.

**Item No. 6 – Public Housing Authority Claims for March 28, 2016** – Presented for approval were Supplement Claims in the amount of \$734.34 and Regular Claims in the amount of \$16,128.55.

**Item No. 7 – Appointments to Boards and Commissions** – Bonner Beautiful – Reappoint Norman Maier, Sherri Neff and Ted Stolfus for three-year terms expiring April 2019. Library Board – Appoint Vicky Wheeler for a four-year term to replace Kelby Sherer whose term expires in April 2016.

**Item No. 8 – Strategic Planning Agreement** – Staff included the proposed contract, scope of service, timeline and cost information in the agenda packet.

### CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Item No. 9 – Tobacco 21: Purchase Age** – The Parks and Recreation Director presented:

➤ Dan Trent, City Attorney, suggested giving sufficient time before making the ordinance effective for merchants to update registers and place signage.

Cooper made a Motion to Approve an Ordinance to Raise the Age to Purchase Tobacco Products from 18 to 21 Years of Age in the City effective July 1, 2016. Reeves seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero. **Assigned Ordinance No. 2422.**

**Item No. 10 – Award of Mowing Contract** – The Community and Economic Development Director presented:

➤ Each year the City requests bids to mow property when grass and/or weeds reach a height of twelve inches or more and the property owners do not mow by the deadline date.

➤ The City received five bids for 2016 Mowing Services: Arbor Masters Tree & Landscape - \$4,150, Custom Tree Care - \$2,940, Supreme Green Landworks - \$2,712.50, Predator Termite and Pest Control - \$2,553.75 and Top Care, Inc. - \$2,065.

➤ Staff used weighted bids this year instead of averages.

➤ Staff recommended the City Council approve to award the bid to Top Care, Inc. to expire March 31, 2017.

➤ The 2016 Property Maintenance Code has \$4,000 budgeted to cover these costs.

Shannon made a Motion to Award the 2016 Mowing Services Contract to Top Care, Inc. to expire March 31, 2017. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

**Item No. 11 – Public Housing Rent Rates** – The Public Housing Authority Director presented:

➤ The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 required the Public Housing Authority (PHA) to set flat rent rates at a minimum of 80% of Fair Market Rents for the Kansas City area.

➤ Staff enclosed a memo explaining the proposed flat rents for PHA apartments.

➤ Staff recommended the City Council approve the Flat Rate Rent schedule.

Reeves made a Motion to Approve the Flat Rate Rent Schedule. Shannon seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

**Item No. 12 – UG Amphitheater Capital Improvements Memorandum of Understanding** – The Community and Economic Development Director presented:

➤ The City Council discussed the Capital Improvements Memorandum of Understanding at the Workshop Meeting.

➤ The Unified Government is making \$865,000 in Capital Improvements to the Providence Medical Center Amphitheater. The Unified Government owns the property and New West Presentations runs the operations.

➤ The Unified Government requested Bonner Springs assist with financing the Capital Improvements including a \$30,000 up-front payment and funds from the Amusement Tax. Bonner Springs will keep \$15,000 of the Amusement Tax for a specified number of tickets yearly and remit the remainder to the Unified Government for the next ten years.

➤ Bonner Springs will remit to the Unified Government \$.15 for each ticket sold over the specified number for the first five-years of the agreement and \$.20 per ticket for the last five years of the agreement.

Cooper made a Motion to Approve the UG Amphitheater Capital Improvements Memorandum of Understanding. Shannon seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

**Item No. 13 – Water and Wastewater Utility Rates** – The Utilities Director presented:

➤ Staff briefed the City Council on the rates at the March 14, 2016 Workshop.

➤ Staff recommended the City Council approve rates effective April 1, 2016 as follows:

- A 2% increase for Water Rates and Service charges. The service charge for residential customers will increase from \$12.60 to \$12.85 per month. Usage rates for residential customers will increase from \$5.64 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.57 per 1,000 gallons.
- A 6.8% increase for high volume water rate (over 120,000 gallons) increase of \$0.32 per 1,000 gallons from \$4.69 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.01 per 1,000 gallons.
- An 8% increase for Wastewater Rates and Service charges. The service charge for residential customers will increase from \$14.95 to \$16.15 per month. Usage rates for residential customers will increase from \$5.69 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.15 per 1,000 gallons.
- Remove discounted water rate for 70,000-120,000 gallons
- Remove the Water Service fee for ¾", 1 ½" and 8" meters.
- Temporary Water Service Rate for fire hydrant water usage at 25% above base rate at \$6.96 per 1,000 gallons.

Thompson made a Motion to Approve the Water and Wastewater Rate and Fee Adjustments Effective April 1, 2016. Gurley seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of eight to zero.

**Item No. 14 – City Manager's Report** – Staff included the City Manager's report in the agenda packet.

**Item No. 15 – City Council Items** –

➤ Stephens stated Officer Davis provided t-shirts to the City Council which were supplied by the Bonner Springs High School Criminal Justice Club shirts to discourage texting and driving.

➤ Stephens encouraged everyone to attend the K-32 Tri-City Multimodal Redevelopment Plan meeting on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm in the Sunflower room at the Community Center.

➤ Cooper received complaints from citizens that when the City repaved the street at Pratt and Park the contractor pushed the leaves and asphalt around the fire hydrant.

➤ Cooper stated he received complaints about the parking lot at the former Thriftway store.

➤ Gurley asked if Gambino's will get a liquor license.

➤ Kipp reported the Parks and Recreation Easter Egg hunt drew 231 children with 6,000 eggs.

**Item No. 16 – Mayor's Report** – The Mayor reported:

➤ Will assist the Rotary Club selling newspapers on Royals' opening day at Nettleton and Kump.

➤ The utility cut repair on 138<sup>th</sup> Street north of Metropolitan seems to be failing.

➤ A resident at 13038 Swartz was concerned about the condition of his yard after the water main repair. Staff reported the resident has been contacted and the city will place sod in his yard next week weather permitting.

➤ Continues to meet with the Wyandotte-Johnson County Mayor's group and encouraged everyone to contact their legislators and voice their opinion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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