

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, May 9, 2016

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016.

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

Governing Body Absent: Councilmember George Cooper

City Staff Present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Christina Brake, Deputy City Clerk; Carol Sharp, Human Resources Director; Carrie Newton, Public Housing Director, Rick Sailer, Public Works and Utilities Director; Skip Dobbs, Parks and Recreation Director and Michael Filardo, Parks and Recreation Intern

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and requested a moment of silence for the Kansas City, KS Police Officer who lost his life today.

The Mayor presented a proclamation to Police Chief Mark Zaretski in honor of Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

Item No. 1 – Proclamation Presentation – EMS Week – May 15 through 21 – The Mayor presented a Proclamation to John Claxton, EMS Chief and members of the EMS Department.

Item No. 2 - Proclamation Presentation – Youth Advisory Council – The Mayor presented a proclamation to David Holt, member of the Youth Advisory Council.

Item No. 3 - Proclamation Presentation – National Public Works Week – May 15 through 21 – The Mayor presented a proclamation to Rick Sailer, Public Works and Utilities Director and staff of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

Item No. 4 - Citizen Concerns About Items Not on Today's Agenda – Joshua Jakes, 114 Pine Street, was concerned that LSXKLRs is open and creating excessive noise some days at 11:00 P.M. during the week and as early as 7:00 A.M. on weekends.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items 5 through 12 and asked the staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed.

Item No. 5 – Minutes of the April 25, 2016 City Council Meeting – Presented for approval.

Item No. 6 – Minutes of the May 3 2016 Special Meeting – Presented for approval.

Item No. 7 – Claims for City Operations for May 9, 2016 - Presented for approval were the Supplement Claims in the amount of \$78,813.19 and Regular Claims in the amount of \$351,592.95.

Item No. 8 – Public Housing Authority Claims for May 9, 2016 – Presented for approval were Regular Claims in the amount of \$1,609.78.

Item No. 9 – Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Band Commission: Reappoint Clausie Smith and Kristen Christensen to the Band Commission for three year terms to expire April 2019.

Item No. 10 – Create 2 Day Request Use of City Streets for June 4 Junkers Jamboree – Create 2 Day applied for a Use of City Streets Permit for the Junker's Jamboree on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event includes closure of Oak Street and Second and Third Streets from Elm to Cedar.

Item No. 11 – KDOT Contract for Purchase of a New Bus – KDOT approved Tiblow Transit to receive capital funds to purchase a new ADA accessible vehicle. KDOT pays 80% (\$46,944) and the City pays 20% (\$11,736). The 2016 Tiblow Transit budget included \$12,000 to fund the City's portion, required lettering and other costs.

Item No. 12 – JMS Entertainment Contract Amendment – Staff enclosed a proposed addendum to the JMS Entertainment contract allowing portable restrooms in the back parking lot and a ticket booth in an agreed upon location.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Item No. 13 – Addition to City Wellness Program and Benefit Package – The Parks and Recreation Director presented:

- Staff recommended the City Council approve each staff member receiving a free individual membership to the Aquatic Park. Employees will receive a prorated family membership if they wish to buy one.
- Staff confirmed the benefit is for full time employees only.

Stephens made an amended Motion to Approve an Addition to the Benefits Package to Add a Free Annual Individual Aquatic Park Membership for All Full-Time Employees. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of seven to zero.

Item No. 14 – Public Housing Earned Income Disallowance Policy Change in Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy – The Public Housing Director presented:

- Previously the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Earned Income Disallowance program allowed newly employed residents to waive 100% of their employment income for one year and 50% of their employment income for an additional year if they had not previously worked in over a year. Residents were allowed 48 months to participate in the program and could phase in and out of the program if their employment status changed.
- HUD’s new regulations allow residents to only waive their income for 24 consecutive months and they cannot phase in and out if their employment status changes.
- Staff recommended the City Council approve the Earned Income Disallowance Policy change to remain in compliance with HUD regulations.

Thompson made a Motion to Approve the Change to the Earned Income Disallowance Policy per HUD Requirements. Peterson seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of seven to zero.

Item No. 15 – Public Housing Social Security Number Verification Policy Change in Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy – The Public Housing Director presented:

- HUD previously required that the Public Housing Authority (PHA) verify the social security number of all individuals in a household except for newborns prior to move in.
- HUD now requires the PHA verify the social security number of all individuals in a household over the age of six years prior to move in. Social security numbers must be verified within ninety days of move in. The director may, at their discretion, authorize one additional ninety day extension for circumstances beyond the family’s control.
- Staff recommended the City Council approve the Social Security Number Verification Policy change to remain in compliance with HUD regulations.

Gurley made a Motion to Approve the Policy Change for the Social Security Number Verification Policy. Reeves seconded the motion and it carried on a vote of seven to zero.

Item No. 16 – Public Housing 2016 Income Limits – The Public Housing Director presented:

- HUD sets income limits annually to determine eligibility for assisted housing programs and requires the Governing Body, which is the Board for the PHA, adopt the income limits by resolution.

Shannon made a Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the HUD 2016 Income Limits for the Public Housing Program. Stephens seconded the motion.

- Discussion included a discrepancy between the “extremely-low” and the “very-low” income limits listed. Shannon withdrew his motion and Stephens withdrew his second.

Stevens made a motion to table the item until the next City Council meeting. Reeves seconded the motion and it carried on a unanimous vote.

Item No. 17 – City Manager’s Report – The City Manager:

- Thanked everyone for attending the Strategic Planning Public Forum and the good ideas shared.
- Announced the 2017 Budget Retreat will be combined with the Strategic Planning Retreat on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Fire Station from 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.
- Announced Staff added Nextdoor.com to the City’s social media pages and encouraged everyone to use the platform to share information with their neighborhoods.
- Thanked everyone for a great Marble Day celebration.

Item No. 18 – City Council Items – None were presented.

Item No. 19 – Mayor’s Report – The Mayor:

- Is very proud of all the groups that participated in Marble Days especially Public Works and Utilities and state the Bonner Springs Arts Alliance and the Tourism Director were very important in planning Marble Days.
- The Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council toured the speedway and rode the Tiblow bus around the track.
- Attended the Wyandotte County Mayors’ Association Dinner and discussed the impacts of the state legislature.
- Announced the Woodlands racetrack proposal was unanimously accepted by the Unified Government.
- Asked everyone to keep the Kansas City, Kansas officer’s family in their thoughts.
- Appreciates everyone’s input and concern regarding the Tri City Multi-Modal project.
- Has not received any new information regarding the American Royal.
- Was glad to see Commissioner Walters at the City Council Workshop to discuss the railroad “quiet zone” study.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

_____ Amber McCullough, City Clerk