

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – Monday, September 26, 2016

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2016.

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

City Staff Present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Amber McCullough, City Clerk; Don Slone, Planning Director; Carol Sharp, Human Resource Director; Rick Sailer, Public Works and Utilities Director; Skip Dobbs, Parks and Recreation Director; Denny Hubbel, Fire Chief; Jerry Mallory, Public Works Assistant Director; and Travis Slankard, Technology Coordinator at Bonner Springs Library

Others Present: Planning Commission Members: Mark Yates, Merle Parks, Sherri Neff, Dave Pierce and Lloyd Mesmer

The Mayor asked Boy Scout Hayden Otting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Item No. 1 – Jerry Mallory Retirement Plaque – The Mayor presented a plaque to Jerry Mallory in appreciation of his years of service to the City.

Item No. 2 – Proclamation Presentation – Fire Prevention Week – October 9 through October 15 - The Mayor presented a Proclamation to Chief Denny Hubbel to recognize Fire Prevention Week October 9 through 15. Chief Hubbel announced the Fire Department open house is Saturday, October 15 from noon through 4:00pm.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor 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 September 12, 2016 City Council Meeting – Presented for approval.

Item No. 5 – Claims for City Operations for September 26, 2016 - Presented for approval were the Supplement Claims in the amount of \$24,021.54 and Regular Claims in the amount of \$390,763.14.

Item No. 6 – Public Housing Authority Claims for September 26, 2016 – Presented for approval were Regular Claims in the amount of \$16,876.30.

Item No. 7 – Strategic Planning Acceptance Resolution – The City Council reviewed the final version of the Strategic Plan in the Workshop meeting prior to the City Council meeting. **Assigned Resolution No. 2016 - 11.**

Item No. 8 – Bid Rejection for Shelter at North Park – The City received a single bid for the North Park shelter. The bidder did not provide the required bid bond. Staff recommended the City Council reject the bid for the project.

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. Peterson abstained from check No. 7604.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Item No. 9 – Comprehensive Plan Addendum: “K-32 Tri-City Multimodal Redevelopment Plan” – The Planning Director presented:

- Reviewed the background of the K-32 Tri-City Multimodal Redevelopment Plan and introduced the members of the Planning Commission and the Advisory Committee.
 - The Mayor stated he is concerned that making K-32 a two-lane road with turning lanes will have too great an impact on downtown Bonner; that property values will decline and that there is not community support for the change.
 - The Mayor requested the City Council entertain a motion to return the plan to the Planning Commission with instructions to find alternatives to the two-lane with turning lanes road configuration.
- Reeves made a motion to Return the K-32 Tri-City Multimodal Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Committee for Review and Removal of the Two-Lane Option. No second was made and the motion died.
- General discussion followed about the purpose of the proposal, the options presented, and the message the plan sends to residents.

Stephens made a Motion to Approve an Ordinance to Adopt the K-32 Tri-City Multimodal Redevelopment Plan by Reference as an Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan 2025. Shannon seconded the motion and it carried on a

vote of six to two to one with Councilmember Reeves and Mayor Harrington voting against the motion and Councilmember Cooper abstaining from the motion. **Assigned Ordinance No. 2433**

Item No. 10 – City Manager’s Report – The City Manager presented:

- The City will become the newest CRS Class 7 community in Kansas on October 1, 2016 which allows for a discount on flood insurance equating to about \$5,004 annual savings for policy holders. The discount is 15% for structures located within the Special Flood Hazard Area and 5% for structures located within the Non-Special Flood Hazard Area.
- The Arts Alliance is working with the Parks and Recreation Department to install a monument honoring the military branches and emergency services. The Arts Alliance began fundraising efforts and set a goal to raise \$9,000 in order to complete Phase I by March 2017.

Item No. 11 – City Council Items –

- Gurley asked will the monument be placed in the parking lot area at North Park? The Parks and Recreation Director stated it will be by the trail along 134th Street with the fishing lake below it.
- Peterson reported some street lights are out in Lei Valley.
- Thompson reported he received a call from a resident concerned that a property owner on Emerson dug out the right of way in front of his property to park his truck off the street and is creating blight on the street. Thompson stated the property owner is exhibiting irresponsible behavior and disregarding City ordinances.
- Stephens stated staff has talked to the owner of the property and he wants to know how much time the property owner has to correct the issue.
- Mayor Harrington stated it sounds like this specific situation may involve public safety issues which include different options for staff to handle.
- Kipp thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for the portable bathrooms at North Park and stated the fields look great. The kids enjoyed the Zombie Survival program.
- Shannon stated when the City updated the snow ordinance and decreased the amount of paperwork, compliance improved. He thinks the City needs to review its ordinances and codes and address violations in the same manner.

Item No. 12 – Mayor’s Report – The Mayor reported:

- Staff is doing a good job but needs to address quality of life issues in the City.
- Reported weeds and grass on Nettleton between Sheidley and Metropolitan were mowed and left in the street.
- Asked the City Manager to look at the more severe property maintenance concerns and report back to the City Council.
- Was contacted by a resident who is working to resolve a claim regarding a sewer back up. The resident is happy with City staff but is not satisfied with insurance and third party actions. Noted that if the City staff’s professionalism and community service are being undermined by outside sources, the City may need to reevaluate those third party service providers.
- Attended the Farm Bureau banquet hosted at the National Agricultural Hall of Fame. Thanked the City Manager, City Clerk, and Councilmember Kipp for attending. It was noted at the event that local agricultural endeavors in Wyandotte County add \$1.2 billion to the local economy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

_____ Amber McCullough, City Clerk