

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 22, 2021

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Harrington, Shannon, Mackey, Thompson, Wood, Gurley, Kipp, Stephens and Reeves.

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Christina Brake, City Clerk; Recreation Manager, Justine Spease; Public Works Director, Frank Abart; Fire Chief, Denny Hubbel; Deputy Fire Chief/EMS Director, Chris Jennings; Police Chief, Billy Naff and Police Captain, Michael Krauze

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and asked Pastor Flournoy, Church of the Living God, to lead the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS – None Presented

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today’s Agenda – None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Mayor read the Consent Agenda Items and asked the staff, audience or City Council if they wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were pulled.

1. **Minutes of the February 8, 2021 City Council Meeting**
2. **Claims for City Operations**
3. **Claims for Public Housing Authority Operations**

Wood moved and Thompson seconded to approve the consent agenda as written. Unanimous approval. Mackey abstained.

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Item No. 1: Aquatic Park Filter Replacement – Reeves moved and Mackey seconded authorize staff to pursue establishing Fire Recovery as our Fire/EMS billing agent. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 2: Fire/EMS Billing Contract – Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to approve a resolution authorizing staff to complete an application to KDHE regarding a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 3: Automated License Plate Reader (APLR) Purchase – Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to authorize staff to purchase an ELSAG APLR system from Busch and Associates with the addition of a three-year warranty service for a cost not to exceed \$25,130. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 4: Water Treatment Facility – Phase I Agreement – Reeves moved and Stephens seconded to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign, the Phase I Agreement with Crossland Heavy Contractors in the amount of \$795,115 for the initial project planning work for the Water treatment Facility project subject to KDHE review and approval. Unanimous approval. Mackey recused himself.

REPORTS

Item No. 1 - City Manager’s Report

- The Unified Government announced eligibility for residents aged 65 and over to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Residents who are interested should complete an interest form located at wycokck.org/COVID-19.
- KDOT will provide the City approximately \$18,000 in additional COVID-19 funds.
- The City has experienced multiple water main breaks from the sudden, extreme range in temperatures. Please notify City staff if you suspect a water main break or potholes developing.
- Parks and Recreation staff framed historical photos of the City for showcasing in the new City Hall.

- The flooring in the new City Hall building is almost complete.

Item No. 2 - City Council Items

- Reeves is glad the Old Dominion project and the water treatment plant project are moving forward.
- Kipp commended City staff for their good work on saving money and refocusing funds.
- Gurley asked if the City or property owners are paying for the right-of-way trimming on 138th Street.
- Thompson thanked staff for their work.
- Mackey apologized for missing the last meeting. He was on a trip with his family and got to brag about Bonner Springs. He also thanked staff, the Council and the community for their work to get residents vaccinated.
- Shannon was impressed with Emergency Services and Public Works staff during the recent weather.

Item No. 3 – Mayor’s Report

- Noted that pothole season is upon us, please notify City staff if you see a pothole developing.
- The cold weather resilience of the City is a testament to the work of our Public Safety and Public Works departments.
- Had the opportunity to meet with Mayor McTaggart and encourages everyone who is experiencing symptoms of illness to get tested.
- Participated in the Zoom meeting of the Wyandotte/Johnson County Mayors and encourages everyone to stay diligent; keep wearing masks and continue to social distance.
- Commended Public Works for their snow removal.
- Stated the development that is now occurring has been planned for a long time and is starting to bear fruit. He encouraged everyone to continue to be conservative in spending and providing incentives.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk