

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 12, 2021

The Bonner Springs City Council met in a Workshop session at 6:15 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Christina Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Matt Zayas, Assistant to the City Manager; Carrie Fredericksen, PHA Director; Jack Granath, Library Director; Mark Stites, Code Enforcement Officer; Justine Spease, Recreation Manager; Mitchel Drey, Recreation Coordinator and Nathan Brungardt, Recreation Coordinator

Item No. 1: 2020 Year Reviews – Session 1 – The Library Director, Public Housing Authority Director, Recreation Manager and Assistant City Manager presented their 2020 Year Reviews.

The Workshop session adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with no action taken.

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:35 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Christina Brake, City Clerk; Amber Vogan, Assistant City Manager; Mark Stites, Codes Enforcement Officer and Matt Beets, Public Works Deputy Director

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 –

Proclamation -

Citizen Concerns about Items Not on Today’s Agenda – Olliea Jarrett, Christ First Ministries, and others spoke about the Pantry of Hope. The Pantry of Hope provides groceries and meals to those in need in Bonner Springs and surrounding areas.

Mo Lones, LSXKILR Custom Calibrations and Nano Nitrous owner, stated he believes the Bonner Springs Police Department is not properly funded or adequately staffed. He was concerned about the number of officers on staff, on duty at any given time and the crime rates in the City.

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 removed.

- 1. Minutes of the April 12, 2021 City Council Meeting**
- 2. Claims for City Operations**
- 3. Claims for Public Housing Authority Operations**

Thompson moved and Stephens seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Item No. 1: Nuisance Abatement Mowing Bid Rejection - Gurley moved and Shannon seconded to reject the bid received for the annual nuisance abatement services. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 2: Weed Control/Fertilizer Contract Award – Shannon moved and Stephens seconded to award the 2021 Weed Control/Fertilizer Application Contract to TruGreen in the amount of \$10,925.45. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 3: Final Plat- Coleman Estates – Mackey moved and Thompson seconded to accept the dedication of easements and rights-of-way as indicated on the final plat. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 4: Health Insurance Renewals 2021-2022– Mackey moved and Thompson seconded authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with MPR to provide employees with health, dental and vision coverages as presented. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 5: KDOT- CCLIP Asphalt Paving Award – Shannon moved and Mackey seconded to approve the bid from J.M. Fahey in the amount of \$272,724.20 for asphalt paving and pedestrian refuge islands on Cedar and Front Streets. Unanimous approval.

Item No. 6: KDOT- CCLIP Asphalt Paving Project Engineer – Gurley moved and Reeves seconded to approve the proposal from Wilson & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000 for engineering and project management services associated with the CCLIP asphalt paving project. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager’s Report

- At a future meeting, Staff will ask the City Council to make a decision between seed and sod at the Government Services Center
- Jess Buck donated two historical seats to the City Hall building
- Clarified that Bonner Springs currently has 9-10 more officers than Edwardsville and processed two new hires today. We still have two open positions.
- Discussions with the Unified Government are ongoing regarding the Loring Service Area. Staff notified the Unified Government about necessary changes to the service being provided.
- The City Manager is reviewing dispatch agreements/relationships with the Unified Government and has recommended a formal agreement.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Kipp would like to see percentages instead of just numbers regarding Police Services. He would like to see information relative to other area departments. Kipp reminded everyone that the Police Department budget has increased the last five years and we invested in a multi-million-dollar facility for our Police Department.
- Stephens stated we have more officers per citizen than Minneapolis.
- Gurley asked if staff had any updates about the building at 125 Oak St.
- Gurley stated that Missouri is participating in a Bradford Pear tree buyback and wondered if Kansas was doing anything similar.
- Thompson reminded everyone of the blood drive on May 11th.
- Mackey stated Attorney General Schmidt will speak at the Moose lodge on April 13th.

Item No. 3: Mayor’s Report

- The Mayor has received several compliments recently; he received a compliment on the City Manager’s professionalism in dealing with a nuisance complaint, he received a compliment on the Assistant City Manager’s skill in interfacing between citizens and the cable laying company, he received a compliment regarding Chief Naff and the Police Department in how they performed a vacation watch for a local resident recently and he received a compliment on how clean the City keeps its vehicles
- Jess Buck is working on the new City Hall building and was impressed with how invested the City Manager is in the project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk