

City Council Minutes – Regular Meeting – July 12, 2021

The Bonner Springs City Council met in Workshop session at 6:21 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director, Matt Zayas, City Manager's Assistant; Jack Granath, Library Director and Chris Jennings, Deputy Fire Chief/EMS Director.

Item No. 1: Budget Workshop

The Bonner Springs City Council met in regular session at 7:40 p.m.

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

City staff present: Sean Pederson, City Manager; Chris Brake, City Clerk; Tillie LaPlante, Finance Director, Matt Zayas, City Manager's Assistant; Jack Granath, Library Director and Chris Jennings, Deputy Fire Chief/EMS Director.

The mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and asked Councilmember Mike Thompson to lead the invocation.

The mayor presented a proclamation to Sergeant Chris Haney in recognition of his training at the National Forensics Academy.

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 removed.

1. **Minutes of the June 28, 2021 City Council Meeting**
2. **Claims for City Operations**
3. **Claims for Public Housing Authority Operations**
4. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Shannon moved and Gurley seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Item No. 1: Notice of Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate. – Stephens moved and Shannon seconded to notify the County Clerks of the City's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate with a proposed mill levy rate of 46.065 and set a public hearing for September 13, 2021 to hear comments on exceeding the revenue neutral rate. The motion carried six to one with Kipp dissenting.

Item No. 2: Ordinance to Amend Chapter III: Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of Ordinances – Wood moved and Gurley seconded to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter III: Beverages of the Code of Ordinances. The motion failed on a vote of four to three with Gurley, Kipp and Stephens voting yes.

Mackey moved and Shannon seconded to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter III: Beverages of the Code of Ordinances with the exception of the change to Sunday hours. The motion failed on a vote of four to three with Shannon, Mackey and Wood voting yes.

Gurley moved and Stephens seconded to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter III: Beverages of the Code of Ordinances. The motion carried unanimously, with Mackey abstaining. Ordinance No. 2508.

REPORTS

Item No. 1: City Manager's Report

- The next budget workshop will be prior to the meeting on July 26, 2021. Staff will review Special Revenue funds, Enterprise funds and CIPs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Item No. 2: City Council Items

- Mackey stated Protection from Assault and Protection from Stalking requests can be filed online in Wyandotte County. Bonner Springs has a female police officer to help with these if needed.
- Thompson thanked staff for the update on the old Thriftway building and reported he was happy to see a local family offering water to the Waste Management employees on a recent hot day.
- Wood stated the Farmers Market was wonderful and at least 100 people attended the animal vaccination clinic. A second clinic will be scheduled.
- Gurley asked why the streetlights have different colors. Staff will report to the appropriate provider; the bulbs may be aging.
- Gurley stated Heart to Heart will host a Covid vaccination clinic at Tiblow Days
- Stephens apologized if he offended someone with previous comments.
- Stephens asked if staff can publish in depth information about the mill levy on the City's social media.

Item No. 3: Mayor's Report

- The mayor stated there are three more band concerts this summer, he invited everyone to enjoy the best music and worst jokes.
- The Farmers Market is doing really well.
- One of the traffic lights at Nettleton and Kump is out.
- Requested a report on the number of times mutual aid was called into Bonner Springs, the average response times of calls and number of calls. He thanked Edwardsville and other communities for their mutual aid.
- The mayor is aware that there have been a lot of water breaks on Nettleton and staff is working on fixing the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

_____ Christina Brake, City Clerk