

**City of Baldwin City**  
**Minutes from the January 17, 2017**  
**Regular Council Meeting**

The Baldwin City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin City Public Library, 800 7th Street, with President Kathy Gerstner presiding.

Present were Council Members: Tony Brown, David Simmons, Christi Darnell, Steve Bauer. Also, attending: Glenn Rodden-City Administrator; Ed Courton, Community Development Director; Laura Hartman, City Clerk; Brad Smith, Finance Director; Chief Greg Neis; Bill Winegar, Public Works Director; Terry Baker, Fire Chief; Kenny Oshel Assistant Public Works Director; Tina Rakes, Codes Administrator and City Attorney, Matt Hoy. Mayor Marilyn Pease was absent.

A. Call to Order:

President Gerstner called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of the 01.03.2017, Moose's BBQ and Kansas Belle Dinner Train CMB license renewals.

Christi Darnell moved and Steve Bauer seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

B. Public Comment: No public comment.

C. Special Reports or Presentations – None were given.

D. Old Business: Council discussed Ordinance 1359, zoning text amendments. President Gerstner asked Ed Courton to review those amendments for herself and Steve as they were not in attendance at the last meeting when this was presented. Council discussed the wording of the ordinance and shared ideas of what council would like a car lot appearance to look like along our corridor. Christi asked if we have regulations to provide direction to businesses. Steve said the planning commission is the group that would set those regulations and he trusts their decisions. Patron, Dr. Eugene Nelson spoke on this topic. Tina Rakes gave some clarification to the different zones and what they were meant to provide for businesses. President Gerstner asked if there was any public comment on this agenda item, there was none.

David Simmons moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve Ordinance 1359, zoning text amendments. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Tony Brown, aye, David Simmons, aye, Christi Darnell, aye, Steve Bauer, aye, Kathy Gerstner, aye.

Glenn reviewed where this purchasing policy discussion was left from the last meeting. Council discussed the idea of getting a list of businesses in Baldwin City and how to go about that process. Steve said he didn't feel like making a business register and should not put the administration burden on staff to keep up with the enforcement. Steve said he would like to see the \$500.00 amount be changed to \$1000.00 under c. i. of the policy David shared he did not agree with having a maximum limit. Sidewalk, curb and pavement wording was another issue David said he would like removed. Tony asked Glenn for clarification about bids and wanted to confirm they come to the Council for final decision. Glenn said, bids do come to the Council as well as the bids are open to competitive bidding. Glenn explained this policy is basically a guideline for staff. Council continued discussion on the Buy local purchasing policy. Council agreed to make the change to under a \$1000.00. Every effort will be made to buy local, when possible and between \$1000.00-\$20,000, the buy local policy will be used unless savings of 5% or more can be achieved. President Gerstner asked if there were any public comment on this agenda item, there was none. Council asked to have a clean, updated and complete copy of the policy brought to the next meeting for Council consideration.

E. New Business There was no new business.

F. Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance- Kathy Gerstner – No report

Community Development Committee – Steve Bauer - Meeting tomorrow 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Library

Public Health and Safety Committee- David Simmons - Thursday, January 19, 2017 at City Hall

Public Works Committee- Christi Darnell- no meeting scheduled

Utilities Committee- Tony Brown -will be scheduling a meeting soon

G. City Administrator and Staff Comments – Glenn updated council about the first street road discussion. Glenn met with the township and the mayor to discuss a solution to the road issue and explained the results of that meeting. Tony said we owe the County a huge thank you, and congratulations to Glenn and Mayor Pearse for negotiating with all involved. Christi wanted to keep in mind a possible bike lane or space for the cross-country runners as they use that road often.

Chief Terry Baker was present to give an update on the fire department. Terry shared the Lawrence fire department had supplies they were going to recycle and Baldwin was able to receive a great deal of equipment. Council wanted to be sure to convey a huge thank you. Terry also conveyed he will be putting two more volunteer firefighters on staff.

H. Council & Mayor Comments – David Simmons thanked City staff for going to all the effort to be prepared for the potential ice storm.

Brad said the rating call occurred today and went very well. He said it sounds like our rating most likely will not be going down. Brad reminded Council the budget process should be finished by mid-June and he will soon begin the process.

Kathy Gerstner said she read in the news that we can start charging sales tax on Airbnb and suggest we have discussion on Airbnb in Baldwin City in the near future.

I. Executive Session – No executive session called for.

J. Adjourn – Steve Bauer moved and Christi Darnell seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 8:16 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on 2/7, 2017.

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk