

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the March 21, 2016
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 Mayor Marilyn Pearse presiding.

Present were Council members Tony Brown, David Simmons, Kathy Gerstner, Christi Darnell and Steve Bauer.

Also present were Glenn Rodden, City Administrator, Brad Smith, Finance Director, Laura Hartman, City Clerk, staff members Bill Winegar, Tina Rakes, Chris Croucher, Bill Winegar, Rob Culley and Greg Neis.

A. Call to Order:

Mayor Marilyn Pearse called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Consent Agenda:

Kathy Gerstner moved and Christi Darnell seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

C. Public Comments – No public comment given at this time.

D. Special Reports or Presentations – No reports or presentations were given.

E. Old Business – There was no old business.

F. New Business – Robin Elder reported statistics on child abuse. David Simmons asked for more information about the campaign. Mayor Pearse read the Proclamation declaring the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

G. Committee and/or Commission Reports

Budget and Finance – Kathy Gerstner/David Simmons – none given

Community Development Committee – Steve Bauer/Tony – Reported the committee is working on plaques at the fountain. The Committee is reviewing the comprehensive plan. The next meeting is April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. being held at the Library.

Public Health and Safety Committee – David Simmons/Kathy Gerstner – none at this time

Public Works Committee – Christi Darnell/Steve Bauer - Christi Darnell said her report would fall under the discussion of the Highway 56 corridor management agenda item.

Utilities Committee – Tony Brown/Christi Darnell- The committee met March 11 2016 at 7:00 a.m. The committee had discussion about the status of the net metering policy. Data will be collected over the next couple of months. Next the committee meeting will assess the total energy. Tony shared that Baldwin City is a leader in solar energy in the State of Kansas. A review of the data collected will determine whether or not Council may reconsider the 1% limit. Second, the committee discussed what the cost structure looks like. The committee wanted to have an outside agency do the study. Springsted will do this study.

- H. City Administrator and Staff Comments- Christi said the Public Works committee met after the Council meeting, March 7, 2016. Bill Winegar share with Council members KDOT's plan for the Hwy 56 Corridor Management. Bill said it will probably be about 2 years before dirt is moved. Patron, Cindy Knight, 109 1st Terrace spoke on this issue. Susan Hoffman, 111 N 1st Terr also spoke on this issue. Ginny Meinen, 107 N 1st Terr also expressed concerns about the proposed KDOT updates. Curt Snyberg, 121 Washington spoke on the issue. The Mayor thanked the public for their input.

Glenn shared with Council members the current status of the SRO (school resource officer) agreement between the City and USD 348. Kathy Gerstner spoke of the worth of having an SRO in the school district. Brad Smith shared what the cost share schedule is in the contract. Council had discussion. Greg Neis was present to answer questions. Tony Brown asked about other agreements throughout the state and what is being provided in comparison to Baldwin City. Tony is in support of this program, but would like to see data. Steve Bauer said he was in favor of continuing the program as it is. David agreed with Tony's suggestion to get data to measure where the City is and if we are in line with other Cities. Patron, Casey Simenou expressed concerns about the program and supports the SRO program and its importance. Mayor Pearse shared concerns with the difference in the costs being shared, but also confirmed she does not want to lose the program.

Glenn pointed out the Legislature has been busy once again, in particular the Tax Lid. Glenn also added there has been discussion about the gun issue among legislature that will affect us. Glenn met with Steve and had discussion on the Community Center. He got word that Baker is not interested in going forward with a joint venture on a Community Center.

Laura Hartman shared with Council the Conference she attended last week in Wichita and thanked the Council for the opportunity.

- I. Council & Mayor Comments – no comments given.
J. Executive Session – no executive session was required.
K. Adjourn - Kathy Gerstner moved and Christi Darnell seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 8:27 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on 4/4/2016.

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk