

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the May 2, 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 Tina Rakes, Chris Croucher 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:

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

C. Public Comments – There were no public comments at this time.

D. Special Reports or Presentations – No reports or presentations at this time.

E. Old Business – Steve Bauer moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1340, Demand Charge Reduction. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Pearse brought to discussion current procedures of reading of Ordinances. Council had discussion. David suggested putting an ordinance on the agenda as new business to bring to the attention of council and staff, then at the following meeting to have the ordinance on the agenda for council action. Council continued discussion and ways to get the word out to the public. Christi suggested asking the public for their opinion. Kathy stated a bonus to having one reading and the perception when we have two readings and we approve the first and deny the second. Steve Bauer suggested we provide some publicity about going from one reading to two readings. David Simmons asked if we could get some examples of other Kansas city's ordinances on the procedure. Glenn and Laura will work on this ordinance and do some research.

F. New Business - Chris Tilden and Dan Partridge were present to discuss Community Health Planning and what it could mean to Baldwin City. Dan Partridge shared what the program was about and how it has evolved. Chris Tilden asked the Council for help putting together a plan for Baldwin City. Chris said we are exploring is to ask each municipality to name a representative to sit on a committee. Private Citizen and a member of the council are what Chris said they would like to have serve. Chris said June is the target date to ramp up the process. Mayor Pearse said she would have some names by the next council meeting.

Tina Rakes presented information regarding a rezoning at 1708 High Street. The Planning Commission is recommending the re-zoning, however staff is not recommending the re-zoning. Steve Bauer moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1342, Rezoning 1708 High Street. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 3 ayes and 2 nays.

Council members reviewed the WAPA Hydro-pooling agreements. Glenn gave an explanation of what these agreements were about. Council members had discussion.

Kathy Gerstner moved and Christi Darnell seconded to approve extending the federal hydro-power contract from 2024 to 2054. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Council was presented Ordinance #1341 Amending Chapter XI Public Offenses, Possession of Marijuana or THC for a first reading. Greg Schiffelbien was present to answer questions. Attorney Matt Hoy explained what the change in the ordinance reflects stating it makes it more comprehensible. David Simmons commented his disappointment this had not come to his committee first. David requested to table this for further discussion with the public safety and health committee.

Chief Allen Craig was present to ask Council members for consideration of a purchase of a used fire engine. Christi Darnell moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to approve the purchase of a 1995 Spartan Gladiator Fire engine in the amount of \$30,000.00 plus delivery costs. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Pearse announced the annual Mayoral Appointments. See attached document of appointments. Tony Brown moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to appoint Brad Smith as Treasurer, Sean Pickett as Municipal Court Judge, Pro Tem- Connie Sams and Matt Hoy as City Attorney. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 1 no (abstention).

Council had two separate work session on the Capital Improvement Plan. Christi said the CIP is a guideline, not something set in stone. She said there has been some confusion with the public on the meaning of a CIP. Kathy Gerstner moved and David Simmons seconded to approve the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 1 no.

G. Committee and/or Commission Reports

Budget and Finance – Kathy Gerstner/David Simmons – No budget meeting scheduled, but will be soon.

Community Development Committee – Steve Bauer/Tony Bauer – Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m. @ the library

Public Health and Safety Committee – David Simmons/Kathy Gerstner – David said the committee met and discussed chickens and an ordinance update will be forthcoming.

Public Works Committee – Christi Darnell/Steve Bauer – No report at this time.

Utilities Committee – Tony Brown/Christi Darnell- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:00 a.m. @ Public Works.

H. City Administrator and Staff Comments- Fire Chief, Allen Craig shared with council the issues with a brush pile burn. Kathy asked the Chief if we needed to review the current ordinance. The Chief said we might need to inspect what is going to be burned; however, we are a volunteer department. Public Safety and Health Committee will review the ordinance. Steve said we should look at how much the city actually is affected. He stated Baldwin City is small town America and would hate to see the Council close the doors too tightly. The Mayor stated concern with what the cost is to the city.

Glenn explained the KMEA Transmission Letter of Understanding located in the council packet.

Steve Bauer moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to approve the Letter of Understanding. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

I. Council & Mayor Comments – None at this time.

J. Executive Session – None at this time.

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 9:00 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on 05.16.2016

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman
Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk