

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the December 5, 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: Kathy Gerstner, Tony Brown, Christi Darnell, David Simmons, Glenn Rodden-City Administrator, Laura Hartman-City Clerk. Also attending were Ed Courton, Brad Smith, Gregg Schiffelbien and City Attorney, Matt Hoy. Steve Bauer was absent.

A. Call to Order:

Mayor 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 amended consent agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no. The Douglas County Correction Agreement was moved to New Business, 2.

C. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

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

E. Old Business:

Council had discussed Ordinance 1357, zoning text amendments. Kathy Gerstner moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve Ordinance 1357, amending Ordinance 1247 zoning text. Motion carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. Tony Brown, aye; Kathy Gerstner, aye; David Simmons, aye; Christi Darnell, aye.

Christi Darnell moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to approve Ordinance 1356, repealing Ordinance 1293, Council meeting dates and time. Motion carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. Tony Brown, aye; Kathy Gerstner, aye; David Simmons, aye; Christi Darnell, aye.

Dane Lee and Tom Kalico of Springsted were present to answer questions from Council regarding the General Obligation Temporary Notes. David Simmons moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve Resolution 2016-22, General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2017-A. Motion carried with a vote 2 yes, 1 abstention and 1 no.

F. New Business

Ms. Martin of the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board gave a presentation regarding the pedestrian plan. The Regional Pedestrian Plan represents a vision of a more accessible and safer pedestrian environment in the region. This is the first Pedestrian Plan for the City of Baldwin City and other communities in Douglas County. Through a public participation process that included surveys, mobile meetings, and website feedback, residents of Baldwin City, Lawrence,

Eudora, and Lecompton expressed a desire for pedestrian friendly communities. Ms. Martin impressed that these communities should encourage people of all ages and abilities to walk for enjoyment, exercise, and daily transportation by providing a safe, convenient, and attractive pedestrian environment. This Plan considers the many benefits of walking and identifies a diverse set of approaches encouraging more pedestrian activity. This Plan presents a toolbox of policy, program, and infrastructure ideas that cities in Douglas County can implement to improve the pedestrian environment. Implementation of the plan's policies, programs and built environment recommendations will have fiscal impact to the City. The impact will be determined based on the level of implementation. Accepting the plan does not commit the City Council to funding implementation.

David Simmons moved and Christi Darnell seconded to approve Resolution 2016-21, Regional Pedestrian Plan. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no. Christi Darnell agreed to continue to serve in 2017 as the Council representative for Baldwin City for MPO.

Douglas County Correction Agreement – Brad explained the changes in rates for this agreement. Brad said we do not have many options and feel pretty lucky the County doesn't increase any more than what they currently are. David Simmons moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to approve the agreement for housing inmates in Douglas County Corrections facility. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

G. Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance- Kathy Gerstner – No Report

Community Development Committee- No Report

Public Health and Safety Committee- David said the committee met November 29th to discuss the mobile home park and campground ordinance. He added the committee will meet again in January. David shared the Animal control ordinance has a couple of word references to pit bulls and dog that need removed. Staff will revise this ordinance and bring back to Council at the December 19, 2016 meeting.

Public Works Committee- no report

Utilities Committee- Tony Brown – no report

H. City Administrator and Staff Comments –

Brad spoke about doing a preliminary assessment to present in January so council can see where the City stands. Mayor Pearse asked about our ratings. Brad said he doesn't see any change, but will confirm with Tom Kaleco of Springsted. The rating call is scheduled in January.

I. Council & Mayor Comments –

David Simmons thanked staff that were involved in the new billing and newsletter. David said he is now looking forward to his utility bill. David also said the festival of lights parade festivities was wonderful and very well attended. Laura shared Jeannette Blackmar was the spear head of that event. Tony Brown added the festival is a Chamber of Commerce event. Council extended their congratulations to the Baker Wildcat football team.

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 4 yes and 0 no. Time 7:49 p.m.



Approved by the governing board on 12 / 19, 2016.

Laura E. Hartman

Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk