

**City of Baldwin City**  
**Minutes from the April 18, 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:

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 – Brian Pitts, 207 Elm Street spoke on the chickens in Baldwin and the current ordinance. William Dale Wallenschneider, 821 Jersey also spoke about chickens. Bambi Andrews, 614 First, spoke on chickens and what they mean to her. Brian spoke again on the ordinance. Peter Sexton 904 Orange Street asked why chickens are restricted in Baldwin City. Becky Bentley, 102 Washington asked the Council to review the ordinance wording.

The Mayor said the Public Safety committee will review the ordinance and the wording.

D. Special Reports or Presentations – Laura shared original canvas paintings of some of the City Public Works personnel by David Joslyn which have been donated to the City.

E. Old Business – Brad Smith had information on tablet choices for council to choose from.

F. New Business – Brad spoke about Ordinance 1340 and explained what it meant. Council members had discussion about Ordinance 1340, Demand Charges Reduction. Tony supported Rob Culley's recommendation and stated this affects businesses as well as the schools in town. Kathy Gerstner moved and David Simmons second to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1340. Motion carried with a roll call vote 5 ayes and 0 nays.

The Habitat for Humanity project is requesting to waive the fee for a transformer be installed and has asked the Council for approval. Tony stated the cost is about \$1500.00, on top of what the Council has already waived to support this cause. Chris Croucher was present to address questions from Council members. Tony said the Utility Committee was ambivalent and didn't have strong feelings one way or another. Steve Bauer moved Kathy Gerstner seconded to approve to waive the \$1500.00 for the Habitat for Humanity project. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Pearse brought to the table discussion regarding the current ordinance practice. The council had discussion. The majority of the council agreed to keep the readings at 2.

G. Committee and/or Commission Reports

Budget and Finance – Kathy Gerstner/David Simmons – None at this time as the Council is working on the CIP currently.

Community Development Committee – Steve Bauer/Tony Bauer – Steve said they met last Tuesday and reviewed the City’s comprehensive plan.

Public Health and Safety Committee – David Simmons/Kathy Gerstner – Kathy said we will need to schedule a Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to discuss the ordinance that addresses chickens.

Public Works Committee – Christi Darnell/Steve Bauer –Christi said they discussed the road going out Signal Oak and the request to pave the road. Priorities were brought up on what the City needs to take care of, such as the City’s street in need of repair.

Utilities Committee – Tony Brown/Christi Darnell- Tony said they met April 12, 2016 and discussed several issues:

Water policy agreement with Wellsville

Net metering policy

Habitat for Humanity transformer request

Tony commended Chris Croucher and his crew on the installation of a light at 56 hwy

Vandalism at sub-station

Water meter at 56hwy and 1<sup>st</sup> Street

City Administrator and Staff Comments-

Glenn Rodden said he and Brad met with Wellsville to discuss the agreement and will meet once again to negotiate a fair number. We should have an agreement in the next couple of months.

Tina Rakes thanked the Council for the Proclamation for Building Safety. Tina also spoke on disaster management and a team of individuals on this task force and what the process is that occurs once the State declares a disaster.

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

I. Executive Session – Christi Darnel moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded that the city council recess into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel matters, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (2), in order to discuss a matter involving an employee, the open meeting to resume in this room at 8:27 p.m. Glenn Rodden was invited into the session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:22 p.m.

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 8:34 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on 5/2/2016.

Attest:

*Laura E. Hartman*

Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk

