

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the April 4, 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, Attorney, Matt Hoy, staff members Bill Winegar, Tina Rakes 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 – Steve Friend, Baldwin City Recreation Center spoke about the proposed Community Center.

D. Special Reports or Presentations – Adam Weigel, Metropolitan Planning Organization gave a presentation of a pedestrian planning project. Adam asked the Council what would be feasible for Baldwin City and stated the plan needs to include input from each of the surrounding Cities. Adam also said it is important to involve all the stakeholders in the planning process. Jessica Mortinger, Metropolitan Planning Organization asked for ideas on how we can engage stakeholders and asked Council for input. She also said she would keep in touch with Glenn throughout the process.

E. Old Business – The Council set dates to conduct work sessions for the CIP on April 21 and 25, 2016. The work sessions will be held at the Library at 6:00 p.m.

F. New Business – no new business at this time.

G. Committee and/or Commission Reports:

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

Community Development Committee – Steve Bauer/Tony – This committee will meet Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library

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

Public Works Committee – Christi Darnell/Steve Bauer –This committee will meet April 7, 2016 6:00 p.m. at Public Works

Utilities Committee – Tony Brown/Christi Darnell- This committee will meet Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. at Public Works.

H. City Administrator and Staff Comments

Glenn Rodden said we will meet with the water district which goes along with our rate study. Glenn and Brad Smith met with Tom Kaleko to discuss what the priorities are going forward on the CIP. Glenn has been following the State Legislature and said the Tax Lid legislation and is becoming even more complicated.

Rob Culley and Glenn attended a meeting about possible more wind power that could come our way and added that wind power is getting cheaper.

I. Council & Mayor Comments – Steve Bauer suggested going paperless at meetings and suggested the Council go that direction. Council had discussion and was in agreement. It was agreed by Council members to begin using tablets for meetings. Glenn and Brad will work towards getting tablets.

J. Executive Session – no executive session was required.

K. Christi Darnell moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 8:01 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on April 18, 2016



Attest:

Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk