

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the January 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: President Kathy Gerstner, Tony Brown, David Simmons and Christi Darnell. Steve Bauer was absent.

Also present were Brad Smith, Interim City Administrator, 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 Tony Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

C. Public Comments

None at this time.

D. Special Reports or Presentations

Tony Brown said there will be a meeting January 13, 2016 – 7:00-8:00 for the Community Development Committee in the Library meeting room.

E. Old Business

There was no old business discussed at this time.

F. New Business

Ordinance 1336, KCPL Franchise Agreement- first reading: Brad Smith said this ordinance was the ongoing saga with KCPL and their agreement. Brad explained the agreement and what KCPL is asking the City to do with this agreement.

Kathi Gerstner moved and Christi Darnell seconded to approve Ordinance 1336 to the second reading. 4 ayes and 0 nays by roll call.

Ordinance 1337, Marshall Windfarm Agreement – first reading: Brad Smith explained that this ordinance has to be in place to allow Administration to sign the agreement. Matt Hoy, the City's attorney, was present and concurred this is a policy that has to be in place, stating it is just part of the process.

Kathi Gerstner moved and Christi Darnell seconded to approve Ordinance 1337 to the second reading. 4 ayes and 0 nays by roll call.

The council was alerted that the Baldwin City Signal was no longer going to be in Baldwin City. By resolution, the council must appoint an official publication.

David Simmons moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve Resolution 2016-01 Official Publication. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

G. Committee and/or Commission Reports

There were no reports at this time.

H. City Administrator and Staff Comments

Laura Hartman shared with council the report from KMIT, the City's workman's comp program. The City received a "Gold Star" rating. This basically means the City saves money on workman's comp. Laura said this is a direct result of the diligence of staff practicing safety measures.

Proposed revisions to Baldwin Municipal Code Section II – Animal Control and Regulation:

Greg Neis was present to go over the current ordinance and the proposed changes that will take place. Greg said much of the language will become more cut and dry and easier to understand. Also, what is currently being practiced will be included. Christi Darnell asked about chickens and if they are included in the ordinance. Tina Rakes expounded on what is currently practiced. Kathy Gerstner read sections of the ordinance that would cover chickens although it does not specifically state "chickens". Council agreed to have the ordinance drafted and read at the next Council meeting.

I. Council & Mayor Comments

There were no comments at this time.

J. Executive Session

Kathy Gerstner moved and Christi Darnell seconded to go into executive session for attorney-client privilege in order to discuss a matter deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and return to open session at 7:45 p.m. Matt Hoy, the City's Attorney was invited into the session. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

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 7:46 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on _____.

Attest:

Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk