

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the January 3, 2017
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, Christi Darnell, Glenn Rodden-City Administrator, Laura Hartman-City Clerk. Also attending were Brad Smith, Greg Neis and City Attorney, Matt Hoy. Steve Bauer and Kathy Gerstner were 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 David Simmons seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 3 yes and 0 no.

C. Public Comment: Casey Simoneau, 417 Washington spoke about vehicle sales language in Ordinance 1359 and is in favor of having vehicle sales along the highway. Hank Booth, Baldwin City Economic Development Corporation, spoke about the language of Ordinance 1359.

D. Special Reports or Presentations – none were given

E. Old Business: Council had discussion about Resolution 2017-01, Building Permit discount for 2017. David Simmons moved and Christi Darnell seconded to approve Resolution 2017-01, Building Permit discount. Motion carried with a vote of 3 yes and 0 no.

F. New Business – Mayor Pearse asked Ed Courton if he would like to respond to public comments or speak to what was on the agenda for this ordinance. Ed explained the amendments to text reflected in Ordinance 1358. David stated we cannot vote on this ordinance tonight. David said that saying we are not having certain businesses here makes us elitist and we should be careful about these decisions. Patron Bill Harmon said he was involved in the zoning years ago and the promise that was made regarding zoning and leniency. Tony Brown said he is split on his thoughts, initial thought is not being restrictive but maybe deal with these on an individual basis. Tony asked if there was data on used car lots that come and go to support that statement. Ed responded it would be difficult to do without having the software to collect such data, but would do some research and see what he could find out. Ed expressed we currently have a very nice corridor, we want to protect that. He added staff is not saying they do not want used car lots, but need to have guidelines on where and how those are set up. Council will continue discussion at the next regular council meeting, January 17, 2017.

G. Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance- Kathy Gerstner – David said there was no report

Community Development Committee – Tony said the committee will meet on January 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Public Health and Safety Committee- David said the committee will meet on January 19 at 4:00 p.m. to continue discussion about mobile home parks.

Public Works Committee- no report

Utilities Committee- Tony said a meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

H. City Administrator and Staff Comments –

Brad spoke on the buy local policy and stated this policy is currently in draft form for council to review. Mayor asked for comments from the public from those that signed up to speak. Dave Hill spoke about the car lot topic. Dave spoke on the topic of buy local. He stated the 20-mile range is wrong and hoped this statement was outdated. Second, the 5% margin is fair however the \$5000.00 limit is unfair. Dave said he is here to support our local business. He said he would like to eliminate the cap and the mile range. Bill Harmon thanked staff for having this discussion. Bill said it cost more to stay in Baldwin and would like to stay in Baldwin. He repeated that he appreciated Council having this discussion. Gary Lamoreux said he doesn't know of any business that can survive in a small town if the support from the city and school district is not in place. Gary would like to see the City ask him first before going elsewhere. Hank Booth said the message is the important issue. The school district, Baker and the City need to look right here in Baldwin City first. Hank stated losing 2 or 3 business in our town would be detrimental. David Simmons spoke about the 20-mile range and said the priority should be purchasing in Baldwin City. David used an example of a snow globe and the effect of spending outside of the City. The snow being the money and staying within the globe, being the city. He said he doesn't see any need for a limit. Council continued discussion. Mayor Pearse said we should have all council members present to continue discussion. Christi Darnell asked if we currently consider local contractors when we have larger projects. Brad responded there are not a lot of local contractors that could bid on those types of projects. Christi said she would like this to be part the discussion when all council members are present. Mayor Pearse said will need to have rules in place and that is what we are working towards with this policy. Discussion was tabled to the next regular Council meeting, January 17, 2017.

I. Council & Mayor Comments – no comments given

J. Executive Session – Christi Darnell moved and Tony Brown seconded to go into attorney-client privilege with Matt Hoy, Glenn Rodden and Ed Courton and return to open session at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried with a vote of 3 yes and 0 no.

K. Adjourn - Christi Darnell moved and David Simmons seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 3 yes and 0 no. Time 8:12 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on 01.17., 2017.

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk

