

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the October 17, 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, Steve Bauer, Christi Darnell, David Simmons, Glenn Rodden-City Administrator, Laura Hartman-City Clerk. Also attending were Brad Smith, Ed Courton, Bill Winegar, Kenny Oshel and Greg Neis. Attorney, Matt Hoy was also present.

A. Call to Order:

Mayor 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: No comments given.

D. Special Reports or Presentations: No reports at this time.

E. Old Business

1. Ordinance No. 1353, KDHE Loan Agreement- Council members were given this ordinance at the October 3, 2016 regular meeting. Passing this ordinance authorizes a low interest loan agreement between the city and KDHE for the purposes of replacing old lines in the city water system.

Tony Brown moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to approve Ordinance No. 1353, KDHE Loan Agreement. Tony Brown-aye, Kathy Gerstner- aye, Steve Bauer- aye, David Simmons aye, Christi Darnell- aye. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nay.

2. Ordinance No. 1354, Sewer Averaging – Brad explained what the change is for sewer averaging. City staff is asking the Council to change the current method of billing from an average of three months to six months. This change will better reflect the actual usage of the majority of our water and wastewater customers. Tony said this was discussed in their committee and agreed this would make sense for our customers. Mayor asked for further discussion, there was none. Christi Darnell moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve Ordinance 1354, Sewer Averaging. Christi Darnell-aye, David Simmons-aye, Steve Bauer-aye, Kathy Gerstner-aye, Tony Brown-aye. Motion carried with a 5 ayes and 0 nay.

3. Glenn explained that Council will need to repeal the levying sales tax Ordinance No. 1347 previously approved in August 2016 to support the proposed new community center. City staff is recommending this action because the school board has not committed to raising the recreation commission's mill levy to support the new community center project. Glenn added the school board will likely make a decision on their mill levy in June 2016. If the board decides to raise its mill levy, the city can pass another ordinance to place the sales tax question back on the ballot. The Council continued discussion. Kathy Gerstner noted she supports the sales tax vote and does not want anyone to feel as if this is a rejection by the council. David Simmons agreed. Christi Darnell also agreed and reiterated Kathy's comments. Mayor asked for further discussion, there was none.

Kathy Gerstner move and Steve Bauer seconded to repeal Ordinance No. 1347, Levying Sales Tax. Christi Darnell-aye, David Simmons-aye, Steve Bauer-aye, Kathy Gerstner-aye, Tony Brown-aye. Motion carried with a 5 ayes and 0 nay.

F. New Business:

There was no new business at this time.

G. Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance- Kathy Gerstner said Brad may have comments. Brad visited with Tom Kaleco on the financing of the public works building. He added there is no big hurry to get this in place. Brad also shared June 30 is the normal assessed valuation date, however this date has been moved up earlier. Therefore this will move the budget process up earlier in the year.

Community Development Committee- Steve said the committee met on October 12th 2016 and discussed the City signs and will have a proposal for the Council at the November meeting. The committee is currently looking at the sign on the East end of town and then where to place one on the West side of town. Also discussed were plaques for the fountain downtown. Steve added the committee will start working on a program to address the brick streets. There are a number of brick streets we want to keep and some that we need to remove.

Ed added there is a sign at Callahan Liquor that is in the right of way. The current business owner would like to have it removed. Ed asked if there were any stake owners that might have an issue with the removal of this sign. Mayor Pearse thought possibly, Peach Madl and the Economic Development Committee. Ed said he and Glenn will be meeting with them and will discuss it at that time.

Public Health and Safety Committee- David said he has a draft of a mobile home park ordinance to review and will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. with the committee to review the ordinance.

Public Works Committee- Christi said the committee just met at 6:30 p.m. this evening. The Depot is all but finished. Bill said they developed a punch list and there are a few things to finish up. The project does look good and stated most everyone will be happy with the project. The streets are in progress of being overlaid.

Utilities Committee- Tony said the committee will need to schedule a meeting.

H. City Administrator and Staff Comments

Laura shared that the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) awarded the City of Baldwin City a "Gold Star" award for the 2016 Loss Prevention Certification Program. This is the City's workmans comp insurance. Laura also gave an update on the progress of the Benefit Open Enrollment currently going on for city staff.

I. Council & Mayor Comments:

Mayor thanked the utility staff for the cleaning of the City and how it appears as if Maple Leaf never happened. Council also thanked the Maple Leaf committee for the work put into pulling this festival together. David also credited the boy scouts for their involvement with Maple Leaf.

Steve reminded the Council of October 24, 2016 work session at 6:30 p.m. and that there will be no food. He said the work session will focus on the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

J. Adjourn

Kathy Gerstner moved and Christi Darnell seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 7:38 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on November 7, 2016.

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk

