

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the November 7, 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, 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 amended consent agenda as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Resolution 2016-20 was moved to New Business, Item 4.

C. Public Comments: Fred Defenbaugh, 115 Signal Oak Ct, Baldwin City. Spoke on the disrepair of his street. Mayor thanked Fred for his comments. The Mayor asked Bill if the road was a township road and he he said it is a township road. The Public Works Committee will take this issue under review.

D. Special Reports or Presentations: Amy Dewitt of the SECC spoke about what this group is all about. Senior Engagement Coordinating Council is a volunteer council working toward improving the quality of life for Baldwin City Seniors (Individuals 55 & Older residing within USD 348 boundaries). Amy thanked Council members for their time.

E. Old Business – There was no old business.

F. New Business

Brad Smith talked about the letter of engagement from Mize Houser & Company P.A. for the audit of year ending 2016.

Tony Brown moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to approve the letter of engagement from Mize Houser & Company P.A. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Greg Neis spoke on the Police Package SUV bids. Staff recommendation is to go with the low bid from Laird Noller.

Kathy Gerstner moved and Tony Brown seconded to accept the proposal from Laird Noller Ford in the amount of \$25,951.00 for 2017 Ford SUV Police Purpose Interceptor. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

The Mayor began the discussion about moving council meetings to Tuesday and having one meeting a month. The Mayor said our meetings are at the same time as the school district board meetings. Christi Darnell was in support of moving the meetings to Tuesday evenings. Kathy Gerstner asked if we could have a standing day of the week should a special meeting need to be called. Christi and David had a concern about having just one meeting that might affect patron inter-action time with council. Steve said he likes it as it is, but is not opposed one way or the other. Steve said he would show up whenever the meetings are scheduled. Council members will come back at the November 21, 2016 meeting for additional discussion and a decision.

Council members had discussion about Resolution 2016-20 – Salary Grade Schedule. David stated concerns about having a maximum and suggested changing the wording to add something to address starting wages. Christi said she was concerned that we have people over the maximum and that we should set the maximum at those numbers. Kathy agreed that the maximum should take in what we currently have. Steve disagreed as it would set the bar much higher for the few positions. Mayor Pearse concurred with Steve's comment. Tony said he doesn't have an opinion and sees no issue with the way it is. Steve said the Resoulution was fine as it is presented.

David Simmons moved we adopted 2016-20 with the amendment to the wording stating the minimum/maximum would be the starting wage. The Mayor asked for a second, no second was given therefore the motion died.

Steve Bauer moved and Kathy Gerstner seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-20, Salary Grade Schedule with the acknowledgment we have 3 staff over the maximum for their position. Motion carried with 4 yes and 1 no.

G. Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance- Kathy Gerstner – no report

Community Development Committee- Steve Bauer said his committee will meet Wed at 6:00 instead of 7:00. Discussion will include Neighborhood Revitalization Program among other topics.

Public Health and Safety Committee- David Simmons – The committee met and discussed the draft ordinance Ed Courton provided and will meet again on November 17th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Public Works Committee- Christi Darnell – A meeting will be set up with Public Works to discuss the patron comment regarding the township road.

Utilities Committee- Tony Brown – no report

H. City Administrator and Staff Comments

- I. Council & Mayor Comments: David asked about the sewer averaging and when it goes into effect. Brad said yes, it will go into effect immediately. David also commented he noticed there were signs in the public right-a-way and had concerns this was not following the rules. Matt Hoy said he thought the laws had changed and it is legal to have them in the right of way.

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 8:11 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on November 7, 2016.

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk

