

**City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the May 21, 2019
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 Casey Simoneau presiding.

Present were Council Members: Tony Brown, David Simmons, Brian Cramer, A.J. Stevens and Susan Pitts. Also, attending: Glenn Rodden-City Administrator; Amara Packard, Utility Billing Clerk; Mike Patrick, Police Chief; Rob Culley, Public Works Director; and City Attorney, Blake Glover.

- A. Call to Order: Mayor Casey Simoneau called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda: Mayor Simoneau asked to amend the agenda, adding under New Business, a request to extend firework sales. A.J. Stevens moved and Susan Pitts seconded to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.
- C. Consent Agenda: Council considered
 - 1. Minutes of May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - 2. License renewal
 - a. JBC Liquor license renewal
 - 3. Special Event Application
 - a. Baker University summer camp/conference.

Susan Pitts moved and A.J. Stevens seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

D. Public Comment: None at this time.

E. Special Reports or Presentations: Matt McClure from the Baldwin City Recreation Commission presented the 2018 Pool Report.

F. Old Business:

Fee Resolution - Council discussed the fee resolution and fee schedule. David Simmons moved and Brian Cramer seconded to approve Resolution 2019-12. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

G. New Business:

1. Community Building discussion - Mayor Simoneau shared with the council members that a private investor approached the city regarding the property located at 8th and Chapel St. to be used as a potential community center. The owners have tentatively agreed to donate the building to the city to keep costs down.

Samuel Darnell - 1214 Long Creek Ct, stated that a community center would be used because there is not a place in Baldwin to practice sports.

Zaden Nowak - 308 Fremont St - told the council it would encourage people to get out of the house.
Wesley Martin - 1115 Dearborn St - said that parks and Sonic are the only place for them to hang out and that would allow them another location.

Hank Darnell - 1214 Long Creek Ct - said he has counted up the gyms in this town and there are not many places to go to exercise. A community center is a desperate need in this town.
Council discussed that it would be a good opportunity but that there needs to be more information to make a good decision. Mayor Simoneau would like to have a community meeting to discuss more.

2. Request to extend fireworks sales - Mayor Simoneau said there was a request to extend sales of fireworks through the 5th of July to align with the state sales. Council discussed allowing sales on the 5th from 8am to 5pm.

Julie Constantinescu - 314 Santa Fe Dr - asked the council when the community can discharge fireworks because they are out of control in her neighborhood.

Mayor Simoneau encouraged her to call the police and they will go to the area and address it.

Bill Braun - 215 Signal Oak Ct - Bill said he is with the Knights of Columbus and they are happy with the dates that they can currently sell but have looked at future years of when the 4th falls.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Budget and Finance - Susan Pitts/A.J. Stevens - Next meeting will be June 5th at 7:30 a.m.
2. Community Development Committee - Brian Cramer/David Simmons - met with David DeVore regarding lotatorium and upcoming bids. Next meeting will be May 23rd at 7 a.m.
3. Public Health and Safety Committee - Tony Brown/Brian Cramer - Met with a mobile park owner and his attorney. Attorney coming up with a list of concerns to be reviewed.
4. Public Works and Utilities - David Simmons/Tony Brown - David reviewed all the work Rob Culley and his staff at public works have been doing.
5. Sidewalks and Trails - A.J. Stevens/Susan Pitts - Next meeting will be June 6th at City Hall

I. City Administrator and Staff Comments : Glenn Rodden said he met with Evergy and that progress has slowed up with the rain.

He let the council know rain has been getting into the sewer lines causing backups. He stated that the lines were not made to handle rain, only sewer. As the upgrades are done, hopefully it will alleviate some of these problems.

Glenn said that they were still in negotiations on the easements along 56HWY and should be done within the next week or so.

Also later this month, Glenn will be meeting with Susan Davis to discuss the grant project at Pioneer Cemetery.

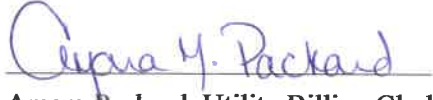
J. Council & Mayor Comments: A.J. Stevens would like for the council to discuss upgrading to City of the 2nd Class.

K. Executive Session – No executive session.

L. Adjourn – A.J. Stevens moved and Susan Pitts seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motions carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 8:04 p.m.

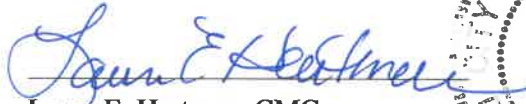
Approved by the governing board on June 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:



Amara Packard, Utility Billing Clerk

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman, CMC

City Clerk

