

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the April 2, 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; Laura Hartman, City 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 council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- B. Approval of Agenda: David Simmons moved and Brian Cramer seconded to approve the amended agenda. David would like to remove the minutes from the consent agenda to F. 1. under old business. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

- C. Consent Agenda: Council considered
 - 2. Special Events:
 - a. Smoke and Bricks
 - i. Resolution 2019-01
 - b. Baldwin City Wine & Brew
 - i. Resolution 2019-02
 - 3. License renewal:
 - a. Callahan Liquor
 - A.J. Stevens moved and Brian Cramer seconded to approve the amended 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: Brenda Rezac, 1208 Long Creek Court. Brenda said April is Child abuse awareness month. She said pinwheels will be placed in several location to bring awareness to the community. Mayor Simoneau thanked Brenda for her service.

- F. Old Business:
 - 1. David had asked to move the March 19, 2019 minutes from the consent agenda. David suggested some additions to the minutes. David Simmons moved and Brian Cramer seconded to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

 - 2. Lotatorium public discussion - David Devore from BG Consulting spoke to the project. David provide additional information for the council. Roger Boyd, 520 Third street spoke about the

existing tree and the protection of those.

3. Charter Ordinance repeal. A.J. noted this is a second time we are doing this. Brian said the way he is balancing this out, he state concerns for the implications to our citizens. A.J. stated this is not only a tax on visitors but an increase cost that affects our local businesses. Citizen, Lily Stephens, 816 Vermont Street asked what this was specifically about as she was from out of town. Peach Madl, The Lodge spoke about Baker and the bed tax they also pay. Peach added we are really not big enough to have this in place. She also said any staff member that shares the dollar amount that is brought in are liable. Tony asked Peach if it was common to have transient guest tax in most communities. A.J. noted that several cities Councilman Cramer stated, do not have hotels and stated we could very well be one of those cities. Council discussion ensued. Ted Madl, The Lodge said Ken Wagner was mayor at the time of this inception of transient guest tax and told him this will come back and haunt you, and it has been ever since. David Simmons moved and AJ Stevens seconded to approve Charter Ordinance No. 29 to repeal Charter Ordinance No. 20. Simmons, aye; Cramer, nay; Stevens, aye; Brown, nay; Pitts, aye. Motion carried with 3 aye and 2 nay.

4. Transient Guest Tax funding requests. A.J. said his family was personally attacked after the last meeting, however funds 1050.00 for lumberyard arts center. A.J. stated he still has issues with promoting individual events. David said he wanted to market Baldwin as a whole, not just single events. Tony agrees, however doesn't see a comprehensive plan. Susan agreed with Tony that we do have a timeline and need to make a decision. David Simmons moved we fund Baldwin City Recreation Commission for \$1000.00, Chamber of Commerce for \$500.00. Mayor asked for a second. Motion died with the lack of a second. Peach approached and asked if we could just fund all the requests? Mayor said there are the funds to do so. Council ensued discussion. David Simmons moved and A.J. Stevens seconded to approve guest tax funds of \$5649.00 for the Lodge. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 1 no.

David Simmons moved and Brian Cramer seconded to approve guest tax funds of \$5300.00 funding for Summer on the Bricks. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 1 no.

5. Sidewalks - Glenn explained each of the options before Council for consideration. Council had discussion about the different widths of sidewalk options and how that may impact the front yards. Funding of this project was also discussed. Council directed staff to move forward with an RFP for a 6 foot sidewalk.

G. New Business:

1. SWPA/KMEA Power Supply Contract Extension. Rob Culley spoke to this agenda item. Baldwin City has received a small allocation of hydro-power from the Southwest Power Administration, a federal project. This contract extends the terms for providing this power for another fifteen (15) years.

David Simmons moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve Resolution 2019-03, Authorizing the execution of the SWPA project agreement between the city and the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Tony Brown moved and Susan Pitts seconded to approve the SWPA/KMEA Power Supply contract extension. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Budget and Finance - Susan Pitts/A.J. Stevens -Next meeting -April 10 at 7:30 a.m.
2. Community Development - Brian Cramer/David Simmons - Committee meet last week and discussed several projects. Meeting are every Thursday, 7:00 a.m. at City Hall.
3. Public Health and Safety - Tony Brown/Brian Cramer - Will meet Thursday at City Hall
4. Public Works and Utilities - David Simmons/Tony Brown - Meeting on the 18th at 8:15 at the PUB.
5. Sidewalks and Trails - A.J. Stevens/Susan Pitts - Will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

I. City Administrator and Staff Comments: Glenn reported that City Hall building is flaking off and we will have a company come in a scrape off loose pieces. We are getting closer to a final design on the new police station. Glenn also said we continue to work on the design of the dog park.

J. Council & Mayor Comments: There were none.

K. Executive Session – Mayor Simoneau called for an executive session for a personnel matter follow-up and asked for 15 minutes with Blake Glove and Glenn Rodden.

David Simmons moved and Brian Cramer seconded that the city council recess into executive session with Glenn Rodden and Blake Glover to discuss a personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1). The open meeting will resume in this room at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Simoneau called the meeting back in regular session. Time: 8:20 p.m.

L. Adjourn – A.J. Stevens moved and Brian Cramer seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura E. Hartman, CMC

City Clerk

Approved by the governing board on 04. 16, 2018.

Attest:

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