

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the June 04, 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 Council President, A.J. Stevens presiding.

Present were Council Members: Tony Brown, David Simmons, Brian Cramer and Susan Pitts. Also, attending: Glenn Rodden-City Administrator; Laura Hartman, City Clerk; Mike Patrick, Police Chief; Rob Culley, Public Utilities Director and City Attorney, Blake Glover. Mayor, Casey Simoneau was absent.

- A. Call to Order: Council President, A.J. Stevens called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- B. Approval of Agenda: David Simmons moved and Brian Cramer seconded to move firework stand applications from the consent agenda to 3. New Business. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. David Simmons 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 the Minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting. David Simmons moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

- D. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

- E. Special Reports or Presentations: There were no special reports or presentations.

- F. Old Business:
 - 1. Ordinance - firework sales- David suggested we also change the language for the signage. Council ensued discussion. Tony suggested we match the Fire Marshal by allowing discharge to match the sale date. City Attorney will amend the ordinance to match fire marshall sale dates and the discharge dates will match. This was a first reading.

 - 2. Community Center discussion - Council had a discussion regarding the proposed community center. Concerns were shared with where the funds would come from and what exactly is involved in this community center. A.J. stated he was embarrassed with the Wooden Spoke purchase and how that has turned out. Tony shared concerns about understanding what is involved in the project as well as spending city funds. Susan agreed, we should move cautiously, even if it means losing this project.

 - 3. Lotatorium bids - Consulting Engineer David Devore said he has done some research to understand what was driving the number to be so high. Materials and labor costs have risen and are currently working at max capacity. Time of bidding was during an extremely busy time. A strong effort was made for local bids, very little responded. David

said you have some options such as going to the low bidder and work with the scope of the project and costs priorities or take the project back out to bid. David does not recommend the latter. Council ensued discussion. Brian Cramer said the committee will meet this week and have a discussion and reach back out to people that had worked with the committee and not give up on the project. Council continued discussion.

Brian Cramer left at 7:50 p.m.

G. New Business:

1. City of a 2nd class discussion - Council heard information from City Attorney, Blake Glover regarding changing from a City of the 3rd class to a City of the 2nd class. Blake and Laura will work in this direction.
2. City lake discussion - This item had been discussed a few years back regarding the city lake needs. Recently the dam broke and water is draining. Rob Culley shared the issues and asked for direction from Council. The dam has been leaking for about 25 years. Rob said the engineer that came out in February said it would be extremely expensive to repair the dam properly. Tony said we need a long term plan and without that it is difficult to give direction at this time. Rob said there is no operating budget dedicated to the City Lake.
3. Firework Stand Applications - David Simmons asked if insurance was submitted by all the applicants. Laura Hartman said she had received all the necessary paperwork. Susan Pitts moved and Tony Brown seconded to approve the firework stand applications. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Budget and Finance - Susan Pitts/A.J. Stevens - No update at this time. June 12 next meeting.
2. Community Development - Brian Cramer/David Simmons - Met last week and will meet again this Thursday. Committee discussed the lotatorium and highway signage.
3. Public Health and Safety - Tony Brown/Brian Cramer - Will meet June 13 at 3:00 p.m. to review concerns of the mobile home park.
4. Public Works and Utilities - David Simmons/Tony Brown - Will meet next Thursday at 7:00 a.m. David said he brought up the need for backup generators at the last meeting. Committee will discuss generators as well.
5. Sidewalks and Trails - A.J. Stevens/Susan Pitts - June 6 meeting will be changed and a new date will be sent.

I. City Administrator and Staff Comments : Glenn said he will be at Evergy to meet and discuss the solar project at their conference.

J. Council & Mayor Comments:

K. Executive Session – none

L. Adjourn – David Simmons moved and Susan Pitts seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no. Time 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura E. Hartman, CMC
City Clerk

Approved by the governing board on June 18, 2019.

Attest



Laura E. Hartman, CMC
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