

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the February 06, 2018
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, Brian Cramer, A.J. Stevens and Susan Pitts. Also, attending: Glenn Rodden-City Administrator; Laura Hartman, City Clerk; Ed Courton, Community Development Director; Brad Smith, Finance Director; Greg Neis, Police Chief; Gregg Schiffelbein, Police Department;; Kenny Oshel, Public Works Director; Rob Culley, Electric Production Director; Chris Croucher, Utility Distribution Director and City Attorney, Blake Glover. David Simmons was absent.

A. Call to Order: Mayor Casey Simoneau called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Approval of Agenda: A.J. Stevens moved and Susan Pitts seconded to approve the 02.06.2018 agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

C. Consent Agenda: Council considered Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting and Saltmine liquor license renewal. A.J. Stevens moved and Susan Pitts seconded to approve the January 23, 2018 minutes and Saltmine liquor license renewal pending completed paperwork and fees. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

D. Public Comment: Luc Vanbebuerle, 456 E 1750 Road inquired about the buy local policy.

E. Special Reports or Presentations: EDC presentation was tabled to the next meeting.

F. Old Business:

Resolution- supporting Midland Railroad: A.J. Stevens, recused himself from the council discussion for conflict of interest. A.J. Stevens, Director of Midland Railroad provided documentation showing 2017 Economic impact. Susan Pitts moved and Brian Cramer seconded we adopt the resolution of support for Midland Railroad. Motion carried with a vote of 2 yes and 1 no.

Ordinance-Parallel/Net Metering: Susan spoke of the changes and recommendations from the Committee. Blake Glover asked for clarification. A.J. Stevens moved and Susan Pitts seconded to to Amend Ordinance to change 8% to 4 % for net/parallel metering. Mayor asked for a roll call vote: Cramer, aye; Stevens, aye; Pitts, aye; Brown, nay. Motion carried with a vote of 3 aye and 1 nay.

Mayor asked for discussion on the ordinance. Tony brought up discussion about the money given back to user and where it comes from. He would like council to be clear about the impact.

Council ensued discussion. Mayor asked for comments from the public.

Mike Bosch, 227 Sante Fe, asked why A.J. had to recuse himself from Midland RR discussion and Tony does not have to from the net/parallel discussion.

Tony Brown recused himself from further discussion.

A.J. Stevens moved and Susan Pitts seconded to approve the ordinance to for net/parallel metering. Mayor asked for a roll call vote: Cramer, aye; Stevens, aye; Pitts, aye; Brown, nay. Motion carried with a vote of 3 aye and 1 nay.

Live Streaming council meetings: Jay Wach, Baldwin City Radio, 837 Michigan Street, Lawrence, Ks. explained what is included in the quote. Daniel Smith, 837 Michigan Street, Lawrence, Ks. spoke on the technology side of the system. Tony Brown moved and Susan Pitts seconded to table to until further research on equipment is provided. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

Appraisal for City Property- Mayor asked for discussion from Council on selling the pieces of property the city currently owns. Ed provided appraisals for Council to consider. A.J. Stevens moved Brian Cramer seconded to put both properties on the market at appraisal amount. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

G. New Business:

Council retreat: Council members discussed having a council retreat. Council was in agreement for a retreat. Mayor Simoneau and Glenn will put a plan together.

Mayor Simoneau appointed Kristin Peterson and Amy Douglass to serve on the Douglas County Community Health Plan Steering Committee. Kristin was asked to come forward and introduce herself. Tony Brown moved and Susan Pitts seconded to approve the appointments of Kristin Peterson and Amy Douglass to serve on the Douglas County Community Health Plan Steering Committee. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

Rezone request- Mayor asked Ed to explain what this request is and the recommendation from the committee. Ed reported the committee voted 4-0 to approve. Staff recommends to not approve for the reason given in the documentation in Council packet.

Kevin Markley, 1118 N 100 Road, Kristin Fuller was also at the podium as the potential buyer of the property.

Mayor Simoneau asked for Council response. A.J and Susan stated they do not have a problem with it going back into residential. Brian was not opposed to turning the property back to residential, but would like to discuss with staff the implications of doing so. He also said we should consider our comprehensive plan when making this decision. Tony had no response at this time.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Budget and Finance - A.J. Stevens/David Simmons - Will meet Wed., February 14, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. City Hall, to discuss next year's budget.
2. Community Development - Tony Brown/Brian Cramer - Committee met Jan. 25 at 3:00 at City hall and discussed the initiatives that began in 2017. Those items are being prioritized.

3. Public Health and Safety - Brian Cramer/Tony Brown - Committee will be meeting Thursday, February 15 , 2018 at 3:00 at City Hall.
4. Public Works - David Simmons/Susan Pitts- Committee plans to meet Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
5. Utilities - Susan Pitts/A.J. Stevens - Susan said the report was heard during earlier agenda discussions.
6. Legislative - David Simmons/Susan Pitts - Susan said the committee will meet 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m. of each month. Location to be determined.

I. City Administrator and Staff Comments :

Financial Report: Brad gave a report of the finances of the City.

Workman comp award- Laura reported on the award received from KMIT on workmans comp. Laura said receiving this award gives a discount to the City on the cost of workman comp insurance and gives credit to all employees for maintaining safety in the workplace.

J. Council & Mayor Comments:

- K. Executive Session – A.J. Stevens moved that the city council recess into executive session with Laura, Glenn, Blake to discuss the acquisition of real property; pursuant to preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property; K.S.A. 75-4319 (b). The open meeting will resume in this room at 8:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Tony Brown Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Simoneau called the meeting to open session at 8:50 p.m.

A.J. Stevens moved and Susan Pitts seconded to direct Glenn Rodden and Mayor Simoneau to negotiate the purchase of property located at 2013 1st Street, Baldwin City. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

- 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 8:52 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on 02.20, 2018.

Attest:


Laura E. Hartman, City Clerk

