

City of Baldwin City
Minutes from the July 16, 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; Ed Courton, Community Development Director; Rob Culley, Public Utilities 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 July 16, 2019 agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.
- C. Consent Agenda: Council considered the Minutes of July 02, 2019 meeting. 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: Ken Snyder- voiced concerns about fireworks and the late night noise. He asked the council to concerned making an adjustment. Location and times for Saturday events and all other events are not on the city website.
- E. Special Reports or Presentations: Ginny Honomichl was recognized for her accomplishments and being inducted into the National Hall of Fame.
- F. Old Business: David Simmons said he would rather have a resolution rather than an ordinance. Mayor Simoneau explained the reason he asked to have an ordinance. A.J. Simmons stated we should look long term to protect ramped spending. Tony Brown responded, we already have a mechanism in place, which is the state statute. We should already be doing this and passing an ordinance to do so, is a redundant thing to do. Susan Pitts said there may be some redundancy, but it is another check and balance for the City. Council ensued discussion. A.J. Stevens moved and Susan Pitts seconded to approve Ordinance 1405, Utility Bonding. Simmons, nay; Cramer, nay; Stevens, aye; Brown, nay, Pitts, aye. Motion failed with 2 aye and 3 nay.
- G. New Business:
 - 1. Ordinance - Planned Unit Development - Casey Simoneau recused himself from discussion due to a conflict of interest. Council President, A.J. Stevens said this item went before the Planning Commission and the vote failed, therefore, the item comes before the council and requires a supermajority vote to pass. The applicant, Jerry Donnelly, presented information regarding his request for approval for a senior housing development. This was a first reading of the ordinance. A.J. asked for public comment:
 - Albert Taylor, 321 Blaze Blvd - Inquired about the bridge access over the existing creek. The average cars parked is 15. He is opposed to this project.
 - Mike Brundgardt, 310 Blaze Blvd - Mike said this is a good project, but this proposed

site is not a good site. Mike reviewed his letter to council.

- Boyd Lund, 301 Flameway - Boyd has watched the creek continue to take property and also shared concern of the traffic plan. Asked council to deny this proposal.

Councilman Stevens stated when he first became a council member, he served on the community development committee and was under the impression this property was unbuildable. He shared his sympathy with the public.

- Denise Bridwell, 1015 Firetree - Denise said her back yard is in a constant state of flood and mosquitos. She shared concerns of property value declining and is opposed to this project.
- Linda Base, 506 Flameway - Linda said she is a nurse and works Vintage Park. She asked what exactly was going to be built. She added we can do better for our seniors and is opposed to this project.
- Kevin Garber, 315 Blaze Blvd. - Kevin shared he has lost 5 feet over the past 13 years. He has 15 feet left to the edge of his house. He asked council to oppose this proposal and look at a different location.
- Debra Marsh, 410 Flameway - Debra looked at the population and the changes on how much longer people are living. She didn't know how accurate the traffic study is and is also concerned about property value. She is opposed to this project.

A.J. asked for council comment. He asked if the city was able to prevent 55 years or older type condition. Ed Courton addressed his question. A.J. asked for additional public comments, there were none.

Mayor Simoneau returned.

2. WAPA (Western Area Power Administration) Integrated Resources Plan - Rob Culley explained what this re0 no. source plan is and why we have to have this in place with every 5 years annual update. We are at 5 years for a renewal. A.J. Stevens moved and David Simmons seconded to approve the Western Area Power Administration Integrated Resource Plan. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.
3. Lotatorium discussion. The community development committee met this week and discussed final plans for this project with David Devore from BG Consultant. Brian said the committee has been meeting each week to get the cost down to the approved amount. The lumberyard arts board approved of the changes. The changes did increase the green space. Committee will meet to discuss again, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. at City Hall. Tony said he continues to hear concerns about the inclusion of the splash pad.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Budget and Finance - Susan Pitts/A.J. Stevens - Special meeting July 23, 7:00 p.m. to discuss the budget.
2. Community Development - Brian Cramer/David Simmons - Brian said, besides what was mentioned earlier, the committee also discussed entrance sign.
3. Public Health and Safety - Tony Brown/Brian Cramer - Met last Thursday, reviewed updated plans of the Police Department. Ask for comments from Council on those plans.
4. Public Works and Utilities - David Simmons/Tony Brown - Committee will meet Tuesday, July 23, 7:00 a.m.
5. Sidewalks and Trails - A.J. Stevens/Susan Pitts - Discussed obtaining additional funds to repair sidewalks, future projects were also discussed. Next meeting is Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

I. City Administrator and Staff Comments :

Rob shared photos of the water issue that occurred this week at the pump house. Notices were put on the Website, Facebook and City Hall. The fix in place currently is temporary until the permanent parts come in. Rob assured council this will not happen again, we will have spare parts on hand. Rob added, he didn't know why there were no parts on hand, but assured Council there would be parts on hand. Mayor Simoneau thanked Rob and his crew for their hard work and the time spent taking care of this situation.

Financial reports - no discussion

North 1st Street - Glenn Rodden reported the county engineer recently bid this project and the two bids received were above the engineer's estimate and those bids were rejected. The county engineer has provided an updated estimate for this project and the project will be re-bid.

Special Meeting- July 23, 2019 at American Legion Hall, 7:00 p.m. The finance committee met Wednesday morning and decided to schedule a special meeting/work session for July 23rd for the purpose of discussing the city's FY 2020 budget with the entire city council. Also will discuss utility rates.

J. Council & Mayor Comments:

Tony thanked Matt McClure and BCRC staff, Baldwin Golf Association for a great July 4 celebration. The event was a great event.

Casey shared about a notification system that is going in place in our City.

David Simmons commented on the changes of Police facility and approves the changes.

K. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

L. Adjourn – Susan Pitts moved and A.J. Stevens seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by the governing board on 08.06, 2019.

Attest:

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