

Continued Regular Meeting
March 4, 2024
7:00 p.m.

RECONVENED MEETING: Mayor Patricia Showalter reconvened the Council meeting at 7:05 p.m. with Council members present: Scott Corsair, Cindy Fuentes, and Jeff Werth. Others present were: City Attorney Tony Rues, Animal Control Officer Tammy Chism. City Clerk Debbie LeDoux, and David and Krista LaRocque. Jerry Bogle, attorney for Krista LaRocque joined the meeting via Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS: Jerry Bogle started the discussion of the kennel issues by discussing why he believed that the City Ordinance regarding the inspection of kennels by the animal control officer are not enforceable. Tony Rues stated that before any more discussion on that matter, the Council wanted to hold discussion about going back to prohibiting kennels within the city limits of Bazine. This was the case prior to 2021 when the LaRocques had approached the Council about changing the Ordinance and allowing kennels. The Council expressed their opinion and provided Mr. Bogle and the LaRocques with the opportunity to address the matter. Mr. Bogle requested that Krista LaRocque give him a call. Upon the motion by Scott Corsair, seconded by Jeff Werth, Council unanimously voted to recess to executive session for 5 minutes at 7:50 pm for Attorney Client Privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) (Council and Rues). LeDoux, Chism and LaRocques exited the building And Bogle exited Zoom connection. Regular session resumed at 7:55 p.m. LeDoux, Chism and the LaRocques reentered the building and Bogle reconnected via Zoom. Jeff Werth moved to have the City to pass an Ordinance to prohibit kennels within city limits. Sott Corsair seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Council asked the LaRocques how much time they would need to make the transition. They stated that they would present a proposal for transition at the regular council meeting on April 8, 2024. Council was in agreement with this. Due to this decision, the hearing regarding the kennel license was canceled.

ADJORNMENT: AT 8:05 p.m. Cindy Fuentes moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Werth. Motion carried unanimously.