

City of Great Bend  
June 5, 2017

## REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Mike Allison called the meeting to order with the following present: Councilmembers Mike Boys, Allene Owen, Vicki Berryman Joel Jackson, Dana Dawson, Cory Zimmerman and Brock McPherson. Wayne Henneke was absent. Also in attendance were the City Administrator Howard Partington, City Clerk Shawna Schafer and City Attorney Robert Suelter.

### A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on June 5, 2017.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register #06-05-17:** covering 2017 bills to date in the amount of \$433,727.77.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 05-26-2017** covering payroll ending May 20, 2017, in the amount of \$363,527.47.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Allison made the following appointments:

Library Board	Pat Cale
Commission on Aging	Bill King

Ms. Owen moved, seconded by Ms. Berryman, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0 with Mr. Jackson abstaining.

**B. OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

### C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Dawson made a motion to allow Chief of Police Cliff Couch address the Governing Body on issues he is dealing with at the police department. The motion was seconded by Mr. McPherson and passed by a vote of 4-3, with Ms. Owen, Ms. Berryman and Mr. Jackson voting no. Chief Couch then presented a power point presentation to the Governing Body concluding that recruiting officers is due to low compensation while retention is due to inadequate manpower.

### D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.
- 2. **City Administrator's Update:** City Administrator Howard Partington updated the Governing Body with what is happening within the city organization.
- 3. **Economic Development Report:** Jan Peters presented her monthly report.

- 4. Abatement Requests:** The following abatements were presented to the Governing Body:
- a. 237 Chestnut. Tree limbs, branches and other debris on the real estate at 237 Chestnut constitutes an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060517-E.
  - b. 0 Second Street. This real estate is located at the southwest corner of Second Street and Walnut Street. There are limbs scattered throughout the property that are the result of last winter's ice storm and constitute an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060517-A.
  - c. 2018 Holland. Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, vehicle tires, car parts, abandoned appliances, discarded furniture, discarded lumber, cardboard, scrap metal and household trash are located on the real estate at 2018 Holland constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060517-F.
  - d. 1022 Jefferson. Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, old furniture, mattresses, bedsprings, discarded construction materials, demolition materials, scrap metal and general refuse are located on the real estate at 1022 Jefferson constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060517-G.
  - e. 210 Baker. Tree limbs are on the real estate located at 210 Baker constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060417-D.
  - f. 133 Maple. Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, tree limbs, tree branches, a discarded mattress, discarded indoor furniture, scattered fire wood, pallet materials, discarded metal and construction type materials are located on the real estate at 133 Maple constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060517-C.
  - g. 109 Maple. Tree limbs are piled on the real estate at 109 Maple constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060517-B.

Ms. Owen made a motion to adopt Resolutions Numbered 060517-A to 060517-G. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor.

- 5. Report on Men's and Women's Oxford House:** Barbara Esfeld addressed the Governing Body on the progress of the two Oxford Houses in Great Bend. The houses have had great success in working with persons with addiction problems. Jamie Baldwin addressed the Governing Body and reported on how the Oxford House has helped her.
- 6. Bandshell Final Change Order:** A final change order has been submitted for approval. The change order reflects a decrease of \$525.00 in the cost of improvements to the bandshell project. Ms. Owen made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign Change order #3 for a decrease of \$525.00 for the bandshell project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boys and passed with all voting in favor.
- 7. Unsafe and Dangerous Structure.** Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Baker presented the real estate at 1217 Madison as an unsafe and dangerous structure. The structure on the premises caught fire some time ago and remains unrepaired. Stuart presented the Governing Body with pictures of the structure and described the damage to the

structure. After discussion, Mr. Jackson made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 060517-H setting this matter for hearing before the Governing Body on August 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman and passed with all voting in favor.

- 8. Veterans Memorial Park Sports Lighting Update Agreement with PEC.** City Administrator Howard Partington reported that the replacement of lights at the four fields and on tennis courts at Veterans Park. The estimated costs exceeded \$900,000.00 and is more than the City can afford. It is recommended that the best route is to repair the light poles to insure safety which repair will be carried out by city employees. Therefore the contract with PEC will be discontinued. Mr. Boys made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign the agreement with PEC for the discontinuance of their work on the ball field lighting for Veterans Memorial Park. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
- 9. Amber Meadows Replat.** City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that the redesign of the undeveloped portion of Amber Meadows has now been completed. It has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended by that entity for approval. PEC Engineer Josh Golka reviewed the replat of the real estate. Mr. Boys made a motion that the replat of Amber Meadows subdivision be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor.
- 10. Suchy Drainage Pit:** City Administrator Howard Partington reported that the City drains water into the sand pit owned by Randy Suchy pursuant to a reservation in a deed allowing the City to drain unlimited amounts of water into the pit. There is an ongoing issue between Suchy and the City for concerning the effect of the drainage. Mr. Suchy has requested that the City install a relief pipe between his pit and the sand pit south of the railroad tracks and Railroad Avenue to drain water from his pit to that pit. He has provided the City with water elevations determined by Central Kansas Survey. It is requested that the Governing Body provide staff with directions for action to be taken in the future. Josh Golka, from PEC, reported that PEC could complete a study the alternatives and that he felt that the costs for the work would be between \$15,000.00 and \$30,000.00. PEC will present the contract to the City for consideration by the Governing Body at a future meeting. Mr. Boys made a motion to pursue the issue so an informed condition can be made by the Governing Body. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Dawson voting no.
- 11. Request for Executive Session.** An executive session has been requested to consult with the City's Attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Ms. Owen made a motion to recess to executive session for a period of fifteen minutes to consult with the City's attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with this meeting to resume at 10:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boys and passed with all voting in favor.

At 10:00 p.m. the meeting regular meeting was resumed. Ms. Owen made a motion to retain the services of McDonald Tinker Law Firm to assist the Governing Body through the employment issues currently confronting the City. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. McPherson voting no.

## **E. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boys and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.