

City of Great Bend
January 4, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the remodeled southwest room of the Events Center. Mayor Cody Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Councilmembers Junior Welsch, Lindsey Krom-Craven, Jolene Biggs, Barry Bowers, Kevyn Soupiset, Cory Urban, Alan Moeder, and Brock McPherson. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis, City Attorney Robert Suelter, City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 21, 2020.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 1-4-21:** Covering 2020 bills to date in the amount of \$683,042.81.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 1-1-21:** Covering payroll ending December 26, 2020 in the amount of \$360,516.86.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt appointed James Kuhlman to the Planning Commission Advisory Board.
- e) **Agenda:** Mayor Schmidt amended the agenda to remove the Economic Development Report.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsch and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There were no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The public is free to comment on items not listed on the agenda. Please address comments to the City Council as a body and be mindful of others who may also wish to speak by limiting comments to 3 minutes.

- Jeff Stevens addressed the Governing Body about having the City pick up and properly dispose of tires. Most of the tires are in the low-income part of the town and they do not have money to dispose of the tires.
- A concerned citizen (who did not provide his name) addressed the Governing Body about how poor condition Broadway is from 96 to Patton Road. This street was just repaved a few years ago and it is already in poor shape. He asked if anyone is checking off on the street improvements. Kendal answered and said yes, we have an inspector who inspects the job.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers:** City Administrator Kendal Francis recognized Councilmember Barry Bowers for his years of service. Councilmember Dana Dawson was unable to attend the meeting, but Kendal publicly recognized him for his years of service as well.
2. **Oath of Office:** City Clerk Shawna Schafer administered the oath of office to the newly elected councilmembers.
3. **Elect President of the Council:** The council president is a serving council member elected by the members of the City Council to serve in the temporary absence of the Mayor. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to nominate councilmember Jolene Biggs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.
4. **Vacancy in 3rd Ward Seat:** Mayor Schmidt reported that there has been a vacancy in the 3rd ward councilmember seat with the term ending January 2023. Mr. McPherson made a motion to declare a vacancy in the 3rd ward seat. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor. Mayor Schmidt then reported that the City will begin accepting applications until January 19, 2021, end of the business day. Mayor Schmidt appointed the following individuals to review, interview, and make recommendation for the 3rd ward councilmember seat: Councilmembers Jolene Biggs, Cory Urban, and Junior Welsch. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve the selection committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.
5. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.
6. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
7. **Abatements:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette presented the following abatements to the Governing Body:
 - a. **124 Maple Street:** There are four vehicles on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 124 Maple Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010421-A.
 - b. **000 Churchill Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a mattress that needs to be removed located at 000 Churchill Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010421-B.
 - c. **132 Maple Street:** There is a grey car on blocks and 3 other vehicles on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 132 Maple Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010421-C.
 - d. **304 Locust Street:** There is a black truck on blocks on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate

304 Locust Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010421-D.

- e. **405 3rd Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a chair and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 405 3rd Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-E.
- f. **417 3rd Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 417 3rd Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-F.
- g. **805 Morton Street:** There is trash and refuse on the property not in city approve containers that needs to be removed located at 805 Morton Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-G.
- h. **910 Main Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; several appliances, construction material, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 910 Main Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-H.
- i. **1106 Morphy Street:** There is scrap metal and furniture on the property that needs to be removed located at 1106 Morphy Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-I.
- j. **1110 Morphy Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a mattress that needs to be removed located at 1110 Morphy Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-J.
- k. **1208 Morphy Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; couches that needs to be removed located at 1208 Morphy Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-K.
- l. **1509 Hubbard Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances, tires, mattress, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1509 Hubbard Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-L.
- m. **1805 8th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; an appliance, vehicle radiator, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1805 8th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-M.
- n. **1819 Stone Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires that needs to be removed located at 1819 Stone Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-N.
- o. **1915 8th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; several tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1915 8th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-O.
- p. **2413 Lakin:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires that needs to be removed located at 2413 Lakin Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-P.
- q. **3001 Morton Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires that needs to be removed located at 3001 Morton Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-Q.
- r. **3116 17th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a branch pile that needs to be removed located at 3116 17th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-R.

- s. **5819 Aspen Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a branch pile that needs to be removed located at 5819 Aspen Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010421-S.

Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 010421A-S The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsch and passed with all voting in favor.

- 6. **US-56 Cost Share Bid:** City Administrator Kendal Francis report that in October 2019, the City was awarded funding through the KDOT Cost Share program for the mill and overlay of nearly all of US-56 within the city limits with the City paying 25% of the project. The project areas, from West to East, are Patton Rd to the west end of the recent Grant Intersection project. Then from the east end of that project to the railroad crossing at Harrison. The project then begins again at Washington to Main, and then the final piece will be from Frey to Hickory. We received 1 bid which was from Venture Corporation. Staff has reviewed the bid and is recommending the base bid and add alternate totaling \$1,490,434.50. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the bid from Venture Corporation for the US-56 Cost Share improvements for \$1,490,434.50. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Urbanr made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. McPherson seconded this motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.