

City of Great Bend
January 6, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Joe Andrasek called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Councilmembers Andrew Erb, Jessica Milsap, Dana Dawson, Jolene Biggs, Barry Bowers, Cory Urban, Dan Heath and Brock McPherson. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis, City Attorney Robert Suelter, City Clerk Shawna Schafer, newly elected Mayor Cody Schmidt, and newly elected 1st Ward Councilmember Alan Moeder.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 16, 2019.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 1-6-20:** Covering 2019 bills to date in the amount of \$1,257,279.61.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 12-20-19 & P/R 1-3-20:** Covering payroll ending December 14, 2019 in the amount of \$404,750.10 and payroll ending December 28, 2019 in the amount of \$328,823.17.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Andrasek appointed Jessica Milsap as the councilmember representation to the Chamber of Commerce Board.
- e) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erb and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: Councilmember Biggs reported that it was asked to staff at the prior council meeting to create a scholarship payback agreement for employees who receive trainings and then resign from the City. Human Resource Director Randy Keasling passed out a draft form of the Scholarship Agreement he created. Councilmember Urban stated the form was vague and asked about putting a threshold on the form. After much discussion, Mr. Urban motioned to table the item indefinitely to bring back a form with a threshold. This motion was seconded by Ms. Milsap and passed with all voting in favor.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. **Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers:** City Administrator Kendal Francis recognized Councilmembers Dan Heath, Andrew Erb, and Mayor Andrasek for their years of service.

D. NEW BUSINESS

2. **Oath of Office:** City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer administered that oath of office to the newly elected councilmembers and Mayor.
3. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmembers Biggs reported that the Economic Development Board of Directors are working very hard in searching for a director. They have interviewed one individual but decided to advertise some more to interview more applicants. She wants the public to be patient with them as they are starting a new organization and it will take some time to get it going.
4. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
5. **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. Milsap made a motion to nominate Cory Urban as the council president. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dawson and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **Resolution Giving Mayor Cody Schmidt Banking Authority:** Mr. Urban made a motion to adopt resolution 010620-A giving banking authority to the new Mayor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Milsap and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **Vacancy in Fourth Ward Seat:** Mayor Schmidt reported that there has been a vacancy in the fourth ward councilmember seat with the term ending January 2022. The City will begin accepting applications until January 17, 2020. Any applications that have already been received do not need to be submitted again. Mayor Schmidt appointed the following individuals to review, interview, and make recommendation for the 4th Ward councilmember seat: Councilmembers Brock McPherson, Jolene Biggs, Jessica Milsap, and Mayor Cody Schmidt. Mr. Bowers made a motion to approve the vacancy and appointments to the selection committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dawson and passed with all voting in favor.

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