

City of Great Bend
January 20, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

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

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 6, 2020.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 1-20-20:** Covering 2020 bills to date in the amount of \$608,371.84.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 1-17-20:** Covering payroll ending January 11, 2020 in the amount of \$407,760.19.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made the following appointments:

CVB Advisory Board
 - Cody Schmidt
 - Kyle Walters
 - Jan Westfall
 - Claudia Elsen
 - Mark Mingenback
 - Loren Unruh
 - Megan Barfield to replace Jan Peters
 - Jacqueline Montelongo to replace Tina Fisher
- e) **Official City Newspaper:** Designate the Great Bend Tribune as the City's official newspaper.
- f) **Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License:** John Nothnagel with Smokers Outlet, has applied for a CMB License. Application has been received along with their payment and copy of insurance. Inspections has also signed off.
- g) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Mr. McPherson wanted to recognize OPI and Fuller Brush for teaming up to have OPI sell Fuller Brush Products.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Urban made a motion to lift off the table the scholarship agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dawson and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. McPherson voting no. Ms. Biggs asked staff that she would like to see specific guidelines on what qualifies as an elective. Human Resource Director Randy Keasling stated that we wanted to keep this form ambiguous as any department's guidelines could change every 6 months, so we wanted to keep the form so that it ages well. Mr. Dawson stated he still believes that any course above \$1000 should qualify for the Scholarship agreement and if an employee does not want to sign the agreement, then they are probably an employee who is not going to stay with the City. Mr. Bowers understood his point of view but stated sometimes a required training is the cost of doing business. After much discussion, Mayor Schmidt stated that this should be a topic that should be brought to a work session to discuss. Mr. McPherson made a motion to table the topic until after a work session has been completed on the topic. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no visitors or announcements.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmember Milsap reported that she would like to recognize Christina Hayes for being selected to serve as the president of the South Central Kansas Tourism Region and as a member for the state board.
2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.
4. **Housing Opportunities, Inc. Tax Credit Application Support:** Vicky Dayton, Executive Director of Housing Opportunities, Inc., reported that they are applying for tax credits through the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation to build a 24-unit rental housing development for senior citizens. In support of their application, HOI is requesting in-kind assistance from the City in the form of waived building permits and utility tap fees. They are also requesting extension of a nearby water main. The cost to the City for the extension of the water main would not exceed \$25,000. Attached is resolution of support for the development of affordable housing. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve Resolution No. 012020-A for support for the development of affordable housing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed with all voting in favor.
5. **Abatements:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette presented the following abatements to the Governing Body:

- b. **1815 Hubbard Street:** There is a freezer that needs to be removed located at 1815 Hubbard Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 012020-B.
- c. **2421 12th Street:** There is trash not in city approved containers that needs to be removed located at 2421 12th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 012020-C.
- d. **1923 Kansas Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances, a branch pile, tires and other general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1923 Kansas Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 012020-D.
- e. **1923 Kansas Street:** There is a green automobile on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1923 Kansas Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 012020-E.
- f. **1918 Holland Street:** There are tires that needs to be removed located at 1918 Holland Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 012020-F.
- g. **455 Evergreen Street:** There is a white Chevy SUV and a red Pontiac car on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 455 Evergreen Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 012020-G.
- h. **3124 28th Street:** There is a blue and white Chevy pickup on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 3124 28th Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 012020-H.

Mr. Bowers made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 012020B-H. The motion was seconded by Ms. Milsap and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Urban made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Milsap seconded this motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.