

## REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers. Council member Jolene Biggs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Councilmembers, Alan Moeder, Cory Urban, Kevyn Soupiset, Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez, Lindsey Krom-Craven and Natalie Towns. Absent was councilmember Brock McPherson and Mayor Cody Schmidt. Also in attendance were Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns, City Attorney Allen Glendenning, and City Clerk Shawna Schafer.

## OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 16, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 2-6-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date in the amount of \$908,588.26.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 1-27-23:** Covering payroll ending January 21, 2023, in the amount of \$474,491.28.
- d) **Tree Trimmers License:** Greg Boys has applied for a tree trimmers license. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- e) **Independence Day Fireworks Show & Batcats Fireworks Shows:** Authorize the Fireworks Display at Expo Grounds on July 3, 2023. Authorize the fireworks display at the Great Bend Bat Cats home games on June 9, 2023, with July 12, 2023, as the makeup day and July 2, 2023, with July 24, 2023 as the makeup day.
- f) **Change of Date for the Next Regular Council Meeting:** The next regular council meeting falls on Presidents Day, February 20, 2023, which is a Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
- g) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- h) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Ms. Krom-Craven voting against.

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

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

## D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fire Chief Resignation:** Luke McCormick has resigned as Fire Chief. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve the resignation of Luke McCormick as Fire Chief as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor
2. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.
3. **Interim Administrators Update:** Interim City Administrator Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
4. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger presented her monthly report.
5. **Moderate Income Housing Grant:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger reported that GBED is proposing that the city apply for the Moderate Income Housing grant on behalf of GBED. This grant does not require the city to put in any additional funds to see the project through. GBED is proposing that the city apply for these funds and allow them to be used towards the building of affordable housing in the Zarah Mall building downtown. We selected this building because of the number of units that will be able to be constructed. The purpose of this grant is to put more funds into a housing project to allow the owner to then rent the units for a lesser amount. GBED recognizes this grant as an opportunity to welcome more funds into our community to contribute to our housing obstacles and allow for nicer housing options to be available at an affordable cost. Economic Development Inc. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve Resolution Number 020623-A, indicating the Governing Body's support for the submission of the Moderate Income Housing Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Ms. Krom-Craven voting against
6. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Hoyt Kinsinger presented the following abatements:
  - B. **1220 Jefferson St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: appliances and other trash and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 1220 Jefferson St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 020623-B.
  - C. **1202 Morphy St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: appliances and other trash and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 1202 Morphy St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 020623-C.
  - D. **505 Morphy St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: an appliance, metal bed frame and other trash and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 505 Morphy St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 020623-D.
  - E. **212 Chestnut St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: appliances and other trash and that said Unlawful Accumulation

constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 212 Chestnut St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 020623-E.

- F. **1227 281 Bypass:** There is a green colored Ford Ranger on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is not in operable condition, and that said motor vehicle(s) constitute a nuisance pursuant to Section 10.20.030 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This motor vehicle is located at 1227 281 Bypass and is the subject of Resolution Number 020623-F.

Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve resolutions 020623B-F. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

7. **2023 Street Resurfacing Project:** Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala reported that the City put out bids for construction of Street Resurfacing project for 2023. Project limits are approximately 13 blocks; McKinley Street from 10<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Street; Firethorne Street, Buckeye Street, and Dogwood Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Barton Drive; Cedar Street, Evergreen Street and Almond Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to Barton Drive. The intent for this resurfacing project is to get a high-volume street (McKinley) getting full depth repairs and effort to prioritize residential streets (southeast part streets) as well. Venture Corporation is the only bid we received for \$925,900.00, and this project will be constructed concurrently with 2023 CCLIP K96 project thus, it saves us on mobilization costs. Start date is expected to be summer 2023. Funding will come from ¼ cent sales tax. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the bid from Venture Corporation for \$925,900.00 for the 2023 Street Resurfacing Project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Towns and passed with all voting in favor.
8. **SRCA Operating Agreement:** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that the SRCA has been operating the drag strip under an agreement that expired on December 31, 2022. Staff and the SRCA have negotiated a tentative agreement for 1 year. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve the operating agreement with SRCA as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.
9. **Executive Session:** An executive session has been requested to discuss information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relation. The executive session shall include the Governing Body, the Interim City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Mr. Moeder made a motion to recess into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to seek legal advice concerning contract matters pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), consultation with an attorney for the body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor. The regular meeting will resume at 7:31pm. Ms. Biggs called the meeting back to order at 7:31pm. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to hire Attorney Robert Burns and Engineer Larry Mott to investigate the condition of the SRCA dragstrip at their hourly rates as set forth in the engagement letter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Soupiset made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.