

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 Cory Urban, Lindsey Krom-Craven, Alan Moeder, Davis Jimenez, Jolene Biggs, Kevyn Soupiset, Brock McPherson and Natalie Towns. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis and City Attorney Allen Glendenning and City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on May 2, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 5-16-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date in the amount of \$265,997.76.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 5-6-22:** Covering payroll ending April 30, 2022, in the amount of \$339,368.96.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made the following appointments:
 - Joni Wood – Great Bend Public Library Board
 - Jeremy Elliott – Airport Advisory Board
 - Gary Pinkall – Tree Board
- e) **Cereal Malt Beverage License:** Greg King with the Sunflower Shrine Club has applied for a 1-day Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Beer Garden during June Jaunt on June 4, 2022, in Jack Kilby Square. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- f) **Tree Trimmers License:** Charlie Roberts, DBA Roberts Tree Service, out of Larned, KS has applied for a tree trimmers license. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- g) **Agenda:** Mayor Schmidt amended the agenda to add item #7, Police Building and remove the work session.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.
2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Leo Espino presented abatements.
 - A. **1017 Odell St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: a collapsed metal shed, 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 1017 Odell St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051622-A.
 - B. **1114 Holland St:** There is a red over white over red Dodge pickup on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is not inoperable 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 vehicle is located at 1114 Holland St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051622-B.
 - C. **1213 4th St:** There is a gray-colored passenger car on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is not inoperable 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 vehicle is located at 1213 4th St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051622-C.
 - D. **1311 Holland St:** There is a black-colored passenger car on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is not inoperable 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 vehicle is located at 1311 Holland St. and is the subject of Resolution 051622-D.
 - E. **1318 Frey St:** There is a blue-colored passenger care and a maroon-colored passenger car on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is not inoperable 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. These vehicles are located at 1318 Frey St. and are the subject of Resolution Number 051622-E.
 - F. **1423 21st St:** There is faulty weather protection on the property including, but not limited to: a shed on the south side of the property, that said faulty weather protection constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Ordinance No. 3922-Chapter 10 Section 1001.8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 1423 21st St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051622-F.
 - G. **2534 Lakin Ave:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: pallets and general refuse, 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 2534 Lakin Ave and is the subject of Resolution Number 051622-G.

H. 2811 21st St: There is a white colored passenger car 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 real estate is located at 2811 21st St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051622-H.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 051622A-H. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with all voting in favor.

- 4. Sale of Remaining Lots in the Amber Meadows RHID District:** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that Keller Real Estate & Insurance Agency, Inc. has asked to purchase the remaining RHID lots, Prairie Rose Dr. #s 2261, 2320 & 2321, in Amber Meadows under the same terms as used in prior sales. The attached Land Sales Agreement has already been approved by Keller. Mr. Moeder made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the Land Purchase Agreement with Keller Real Estate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.
- 5. Police Vehicle:** Police Chief Steve Haulmark reported that the police department has budgeted funds for a K9 vehicle for fiscal year 2022. The ordering window for vehicles was very limited this year, and we are unable to order a new vehicle. This vehicle would become the training / spare vehicle, and the current vehicle in use for that purpose would become a K9 vehicle. This vehicle is a used vehicle from KHP that has been used by one individual and is being sold per their internal policy for \$28,450. The city had transferred money for a patrol vehicle in 2019 and the remaining balance is \$11,600. The city also sold a vehicle to the Barton County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$17,000, giving us a total of \$28,600 in Capital Equipment Reserves. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle from KHP for \$28,450.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.
- 6. Public Safety Retirement:** City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that following city council's decision to create a new 401a Profit-Sharing retirement plan for public safety personnel, a mayoral committee was appointed to develop the specific plan details. An explanation of those details is attached for reference. The committee recommends approving the plan. Councilmember Natalie Towns expressed her objections. She did not think the City should mandate the employees to put in 7.15%, especially with inflation the way it is. They employees will come back next year arguing about wages. Mayor Schmidt pointed out that the committee members asked their fellow employees if they were ok with that and they were all in agreement. Councilmember towns also believed the City should cap what they put in and use the extra funds to buy equipment. Councilmember Urban noted that the citizens voted for this tax to be used for retirement and we should honor what they voted on. After much discussion, Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the plan details and the adoption agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed by a vote of 5-3, with Mr. Moeder, Ms. Biggs and Ms. Towns voting against.
- 7. Police Building:** City Administrator Kendal Francis handed over the discussion to Alan Youngers with McCown Gordon. He noted that if the City would go out to bid today, the City would expect to see a cost of \$9,114,833, which is \$1,415,276 over budget. If the municipal court is eliminated, which decreasing the size of the building is the quickest way to remove cost, the City would be over budget by \$600,000. This is not the guaranteed maximum price (GMP), we will come back later with the GMP. The question is, do you want to continue with municipal court included in the project. Mr. Moeder

made a motion to keep the municipal court included in the project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed by a vote of 6-2, with Ms. Towns and Ms. Krom-Craven voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Biggs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Krom-Craven seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.