

City of Great Bend
May 20, 2019

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, Chad Somers, Cory Urban, Dan Heath, and Brock McPherson. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis, City Attorney Robert Suelter and City Clerk Shawna Schafer.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on May 6, 2019.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 5-20-19:** Covering 2019 bills to date in the amount of \$342,061.21.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 5-10-19:** Covering payroll ending May 4, 2019 in the amount of \$319,530.83.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Andrasek made the following appointment:

Commission on Aging:
 - Leroy Keith
- e) **1-Day CMB 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 1, 2019 in Jack Kilby Square. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- f) **Independence Day Fireworks Show:** Authorize the Fireworks Display at Expo Grounds on July 3, 2019.
- g) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Stoneridge Residents:** Jana Reed addressed council on behalf of the residents at Stoneridge noting they too are in the same situation as Amber Meadows with water standing in their basement. The residents themselves have all chipped in to rent a large pump from Rosencrantz to drain water from a large lagoon to try to relieve some of the groundwater pressure. They are wanting the team up with the City to use the City's

engineering personnel and hire a local firm to put in a permanent drainage system. No action was taken.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.
- 3. Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
- 4. CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.
- 5. Proposal for Work Sessions:** City Administrator Kendal Francis and Councilmember Jolene Biggs requested to add study work sessions for councilmembers either before or after a council meeting. They suggested having the meetings before so there was an definite end time to the session. These sessions would happen once a month or on a as needed basis to discuss upcoming items to an agenda. Staff would not be required to attend unless they had information helpful to the discussions. There would be no recording of these sessions although would be a public meeting for the public to attend. After discussion amongst councilmembers, most members thought these sessions would be very beneficial and has requested Kendal to bring a formal action item to the next meeting but to have these work sessions after the regular City council meetings.
- 5. Abatements:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette presented the following abatement to the Governing Body:
 - a. 317 3rd Street:** There is a couch stored on the property that needs to be removed located at 317 3rd Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 052019-A.
 - b. 211 Pine Street:** There is tires and mattresses stored on the property that needs to be removed located at 211 Pine Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-B.
 - c. 1200 Polk Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; television, plastic container, oil jugs, trash bags, and other general trash that needs to be removed located at 1200 Polk Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 052019-C.
 - d. 1412 21st Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; furniture (sofa), tires, plastic containers, and other general trash that needs to be removed located at 1412 21st Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 052019-D.
 - e. 219 3rd Street:** There is a gold Saturn and a green Honda on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 219 3rd Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-E.
 - f. 301 Evergreen Street:** There is a black Ford pickup on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 301 Evergreen Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-F.

- g. **301 Evergreen Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; pallets, tires, and other general trash that needs to be removed located at 301 Evergreen Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 052019-G.
- h. **325 Heizer Street:** There is a couch, tables, and other general trash stored on the property that needs to be removed located at 325 Heizer Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-H.
- i. **407 Grapevine Street:** There is a red Ford pickup on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 407 Grapevine Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-I.
- j. **454 Evergreen Street:** There is a red pickup and a green car on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 454 Evergreen Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-J.
- k. **1114 Holland Street:** There is a white and red pickup on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1114 Holland Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-K.
- l. **1114 Holland Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; pallets, tires, plastic containers, furniture, electronics, bikes, and other general trash that needs to be removed located at 1114 Holland Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 052019-L.
- m. **1200 Polk Street:** There is a gold Chrysler SUV on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1200 Polk Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-M.
- n. **1403 21st Street:** There is a gray Ford Focus on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1403 21st Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 052019-N.

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 052019A-N. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dawson and passed with all voting in favor.

- 6. **8th Street Assessment Costs:** City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer reported that at the May 6, 2019 meeting, the Governing Body approved the assessment costs for the street improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, and the water improvements for \$707,419.88, \$61,456.25, \$96,123.87, respectively, for a total project cost of \$865,000.00. A notice was published in the Great Bend Tribune and mailed to each property owner on May 8, 2019, notifying them of the assessed costs and that May 20, 2019 at 6:30pm was scheduled for the public hearing. Mayor Andrasek opened for public hearing. No public comment was made. Mr. Urban made a motion to close public hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Erb and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Urban then made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4331 for levying special assessments on certain property to pay the costs of internal improvements in the City of Great Bend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erb and passed with all voting in favor.

7. **Ordinance Amendment:** City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that at the May 6, 2019 meeting, the Governing Body determined that the hours during which fireworks could be sold should be expanded. Ordinance 4332 amends the hours during which sales of fireworks may be carried out to 8:00am to 12:00am (midnight) from June 27 to July 3 and 8:00am to 10pm on July 4. Mr. Heath made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4332. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dawson and passed with a voting in favor.

8. **Installation of “No Parking This Side of Street” on Morton Street North of 24th Street and South of 25th Street:** Public Works Director Simon Wiley reported that Morton Street north of 24th Street is approximately 30 feet wide. If vehicles parallel park on both sides of Morton Street, this narrows the street to a point that vehicles do not have enough room to safely cross directional paths with each other. Due to the proximity of 24th Street, this is especially dangerous. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolution 052019-O to add no parking signage along the east side of Morton Street between 24th and 25th Street. The motion was seconded by Ms. Milsap and passed with all voting in favor.

Another Resident from Stoneridge intervened stating that the residents felt they were not heard when Ms. Reed spoke to council earlier in the meeting. She said the council nodded their heads and continued on with the agenda without asking any questions and that when Amber Meadows was here the council approved to complete a study. We are just wanting the same treatment as with Amber Meadows. Mayor Andrasek assured her that the council did hear them and many expressed that they were going to talk to them after the meeting. City Administrator Kendal Francis stated that there was no actionable item that was taken place on the agenda like Amber Meadows and that the action that was taken at Amber Meadows was to provide the City with a clear understanding of how groundwater affects the city-owned property, and thus accurately inform future residents. The cost of the study will be divided and assessed equally to the cost of future lots, thus reimbursing the City 100%. Mayor Andrasek asked her to speak with the City Administrator Kendal Francis and come up with a proposal to City Council to consider at another meeting.

Randy Suchy also jumped in to say that he has been experiencing this for years on his property. The City is dumping over 700 acres of water drainage into his lake and that something needs to be done by the City.

After this discussion, council resumed to the next agenda item.

9. **Installation of Stop Signs at the intersection of 12th and Stone Street:** Assistant City Engineer Sreehitha Kadiyala reported that there is no stop sign at 12th and Stone intersection and we have received many complaints from the public. East and West bound of 12th Street will have stop signs and North and South bound of Stone Street will have right of way. Mr. Erb made a motion to approve Resolution 052019-P to add Stop signage along East and West bound of 12th Street and Stone Intersection. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.

10. **Installation of Stop Signs at the intersection of Polk and Meadowlark:** Assistant City Engineer Sreehitha Kadiyala reported that there is no stop sign at Polk & Meadowlark intersection and we have received many complaints from the public. East and West bound of Meadowlark Street will have stop signs and North and South bound of Polk Street will have right of way. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve Resolution

052019-Q to add Stop signage along East and West bound of Polk & Meadowlark Intersection. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erb and passed with all voting in favor.

11. Solicitation of Offers to Purchase Real Estate: City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that the City of Great Bend, Kansas, owns real estate at 635 Main Street. A party has shown an interest in purchasing the real estate. In order to give the public a chance to purchase the real estate, if interested, the City will receive sealed offers to purchase until Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve to publish the notice to solicit sealed offers to purchase real estate at 635 Main Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heath 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 7:44pm.