

City of Great Bend
June 3, 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, 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 20, 2019.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 6-3-19:** Covering 2019 bills to date in the amount of \$536,858.63.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 5-24-19:** Covering payroll ending May 18, 2019 in the amount of \$416,630.09.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Andrasek made no appointments.
- e) **Agenda:** Mayor Andrasek amended the agenda to add the following items:
 - #7 Stoneridge Residents
 - #8 Resignation Letter of councilmember Chad Somers
 - #9 Economic Development Committee Recommendation
 - #10 Agencies 2020 Budget Requests

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heath 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. Economic Development Report:** Chamber President/CEO Jan Peters presented her monthly economic development report. She then turned it over to the Chamber Chair AJ Chrest. Ms. Chrest wanted a chance to talk to council about the agenda item that was added in regards to the economic development committee recommendation. She wanted council to table the agenda item and let the committee and the executive committee from the Chamber board have a conversation before they make any decisions. They feel they are under a contract with the City to provide economic development but its more than a contract, it's a partnership. She said she believes both parties want to achieve the same thing, which is growth for our City. Council acknowledged their request and will take action when the agenda item comes up.

- 4. Abatements:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette presented the following abatement to the Governing Body:

 - a. 1915 8th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; pallets, construction debris, and other general trash that needs to be removed located at 1915 8th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 060319-A.
 - b. 1402 Park Street:** There is a red pickup on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1402 Park Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-B.
 - c. 1907 Baker Street:** There is a silver Pontiac on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1907 Baker Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-C.
 - d. 1420 Park Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; construction materials that needs to be removed located at 1420 Park Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 060319-D.
 - e. 1415 Park Street:** There is a blue Chrysler van on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1415 Park Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-E.
 - f. 1427 21st Street:** There is a green Lincoln SUV and a red Mustang convertible on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1427 21st Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-F.
 - g. 1407 12th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; vehicle parts that needs to be removed located at 1407 12th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 060319-G.
 - h. 2213 Washington Street:** There is a grey and maroon Dodge van on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 2213 Washington Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-H.
 - i. 1722 Broadway Avenue:** There is a blue Buick on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1722 Broadway Avenue constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-I.
 - j. 1202 Morton Street:** There is a red SUV on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1202 Morton Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-J.

- k. **412 Locust Street:** There is a silver automobile on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 412 Locust Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-K.
- l. **1409 Heizer Street:** There is a white SUV on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1409 Heizer Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 060319-L.

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 060319A-L. The motion was seconded by Ms. Milsap and passed with all voting in favor.

- 5. **City Council Work Sessions:** City Administrator reported that at the May 20th council meeting, the governing body gave consensus to establish council work sessions to introduce issues or concerns upon which further information or action may be desired, to discuss issues of the City at length, and to review information provided by staff. Several options regarding meeting structure and procedures were discussed. Presented is a formalized policy which includes establishing an agenda, setting a date and time for work sessions, public input during work sessions, and staff participation. These sessions would be subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act and would be open to the public to attend. Councilmember McPherson stated he is not in favor of work sessions because it could look to the public that we are trying to hide something and not being transparent. These discussions should take place during a regular council meeting. Other members disagreed as it would help the council obtain additional information before actually taking action on an item at a regular scheduled council meeting. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the work session policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Milsap and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. McPherson voting no.
- 6. **Barton County Cost-Share Agreement:** City Administrator reported that in 1960, the City & County entered into a cost share agreement regarding Railroad Avenue. The City originally designed and constructed the roadway and Barton County agreed to pay its share of 70.3%. In 2012 the County placed a 3" hot mix overlay on the road and the City paid its share of 29.7%, using the same breakdown of costs that was established in 1960. However, a couple of years ago the City had a KDOT project to construct the new concrete pavement that extends west from Main Street a few hundred feet, thus reducing the City's portion to 17.6% this year because we don't need to include that section. The County and City met to discuss the work that would include milling the old 3" overlay off (down to bare concrete), adding a 2' hot mix asphalt to widen both sides of the road so vehicles won't drop off the edge as occurs now, and then place a new 3" hot mix asphalt overlay on the entire road. With your approval, the County will begin the bidding process for the resurfacing project. It is total estimated to cost between \$140,000 - \$170,000, with the City paying their share of 17.6%. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the cost-share agreement regarding Railroad Avenue with Barton County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heath and passed with all voting in favor.
- 7. **Stoneridge Residents:** Neil Cordre, representing the residents at Stoneridge, addressed council about their proposal for their water issue. He said that the residents of Stoneridge have come together to hire a pumping company to pump water out of their neighborhood and it is costing them a large amount of money. He said there is no proper drainage system in their neighborhood and water pools up in the streets and yards and has nowhere to go. He proposes to have their neighborhood included in the

same study as Amber Meadows. Councilmember Biggs noted that she understands their frustration but it was her understanding that the study they are completing at Amber Meadows is a groundwater study and from what she is hearing, the problem at Stoneridge is a drainage issue, which the groundwater study would not be beneficial to them. Councilmember Dawson requested City Administrator Kendal Francis to have staff/City Engineer look into the stormwater drainage at Stoneridge to see if there is something the City could do to help with the stormwater drainage. No formal action was taken but City Administrator Kendal Francis said he will have staff look into this.

8. Resignation of Councilmember Chad Somers: Mayor Joe Andrasek announced that Councilmember Chad Somers has submitted his resignation letter from council. He has accepted a job that has independence standards by which he must abide. Any interested parties in the second ward that would like to fill this vacancy is encouraged to submit an application at City Hall or email the application to the City Clerk Shawna Schafer. Applications can be found on the website or at City Hall. The deadline to submit an application is Thursday June 13th at 5:00pm. Mr. McPherson made a motion to accept the resignation of Chad Somers from the Great Bend City Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heath and passed with all voting in favor.

9. Economic Development Committee Recommendation: Mayor Joe Andrasek asked AJ Chrest to come forward again and told her that he understands what she was asking and that he wanted to be fair. He said if we table this item to have the executive board with the Chamber meet with committee and the outcome is the same recommendation then what would happen. She said she does not know the recommendation and therefore could not answer his question. She did say is all they want is a conversation to happen to come up with the best solution. After much discussion amongst council and the citizens regarding the Chamber, Mr. Heath made a motion to table the item until the June 17th Council meeting to allow the executive board with the Chamber and the economic development committee to meet and have a conversation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Milsap and passed with all voting in favor.

10. Agencies 2020 Budget Requests: The following agencies presented requests for funding in 2020.

- Barton County Historical Society - \$12,500
- Sunflower Diversified - \$18,000
- RSVP/Volunteers in Action of Central Kansas - \$2000
- Humane Society - \$93,713
- Municipal Band - \$2,500
- Barton County Fair - \$10,000
- Great Bend Senior Center - \$232,089
- Great Bend Public Library - \$690,000

The following agency had requested funding but was not in attendance to the meeting.

- Tree Board - \$4,000

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Heath made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Erb seconded this motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.