

City of Great Bend
October 19, 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 Junior Welsch, Lindsey Krom-Craven, Dana Dawson Jolene Biggs, Cory Urban, Alan Moeder, and Brock McPherson. Absent was councilmember Barry Bowers. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis, City Attorney Robert Suelter, City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 5, 2020.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 10-19-20:** Covering 2020 bills to date in the amount of \$244,509.85.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 10-9-20:** Covering payroll ending October 3, 2020 in the amount of \$328,806.62.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made the following appointment:
 - Police Building Committee
 - Logan Burns
 - Cory Urban
 - Scott Bieberle
 - Andy Mingenback
 - Barry Stalcup
 - Adam Sciacca
 - Cody Schmidt
 - Kendal Francis
- e) **Street Closure:** Close Great Bend Brit Spaugh Park and 19th Street from the south exit of the Zoo to Morton Street on Saturday October 24, 2020 from 9:30am to 1:30pm for the 2020 Kiwanis Halloween Drive Thru Boo event.
- f) **Rezoning of Quail Cove Development:** Housing Opportunities, Inc. (HOI) has requested that certain real estate be rezoned from R-3 (multi-family) to PUD (Planned Unit Development). The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on September 28, 2020 and recommended approval of request for the Governing Body to consider at the October 19, 2020 council meeting. However, several citizens voiced their concerns about the rezoning. HOI has asked for additional time to allow them to address the concerns. HOI has requested that the Governing Body table this matter until November 2, 2020.
- g) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS: There were no old business.

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

The public is free to comment on items not listed on the agenda. Please address comments to the City Council as a body and be mindful of others who may also wish to speak by limiting comments to 3 minutes.

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.

Recommendation: Informational item.

3. Home for Holiday Festival and Parade: Community Coordinator Christina Hayes reported that the Home for the Holidays Festival and Parade is just around the corner. It is Great Bend's way of inviting Santa to town and kicking off our Christmas season. There have been expressed concern regarding the long lines and gathering of people for the parade and the festival afterwards. If approved to host the event this year, we need to propose street closures for Saturday November 28th. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve to host the Home for the Holidays Festival and Parade. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsch and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. McPherson then made a motion to close Main Street from 24th Street to 12th Street on November 28th from 5:15pm to 6:30pm, Close Main Street from Broadway Avenue to 12th Street for an additional 2 hours after the parade, and to Close Lakin Avenue between Kansas Avenue to Main Street on November 28, 2020 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsch and passed with all voting in favor.

4. CVB/Community Coordinator Report: Community Coordinator/CVB Director Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.

5. Abatements: Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette presented the following abatements to the Governing Body.

- a. **2121 Monroe Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, construction debris and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2121 Monroe Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 101920-A.

- b. **215 Hubbard Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, mattresses and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 215 Hubbard Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 101920-B.
- c. **1907 Baker Street:** There is a silver Grand Am 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 101920-C.
- d. **3108 23rd Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires and other general refuse that needs to be removed located at 3108 23rd Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 101920-D.
- e. **2211 Van Buren Street:** There is a silver Chevy SUV on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 2211 Van Buren Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 101920-E.
- f. **432 Locust Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, wooden furniture, trash, and other general refuse that needs to be removed located at 432 Locust Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 101920-F.
- g. **208 Fruit Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; scrap metals, bicycle parts, furniture, household trash, and other general refuse that needs to be removed located at 208 Fruit Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 101920-G.
- h. **205 Frey Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; ties, scrap wood, household trash, and other general refuse that needs to be removed located at 205 Frey Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 101920-H.
- i. **1807 Monroe Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; boxes, plastic totes, and other general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1807 Monroe Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 101920-I.

Mr. Welsch made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 101920A-I. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dawson and passed with all voting in favor.

- 6. **Meadowlark & Lincoln Storm Box and Street Repairs:** Assistant Public Works Director Jason Cauley reported that the City has bid out the repair of the storm box and street at the Northwest intersection of Meadowlark and Lincoln Street. We received 3 bids and recommend going with the low bid from Concrete Services for \$29,634. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the low bid from Concrete Services for \$29,634. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. McPherson voting no.
- 7. **Boarded Windows Discussion:** Councilmember Dawson requested a discussion on boarded windows. He stated that if we are going to make property owners clean up their property, then he believes the same should apply to business owners. He suggests that commercial structures along Main Street, 10th Street, Kansas Avenue (19th Street to 10th Street), and Williams (24th Street to 10th Street) that have broken windows that is boarded up would have 30 days to replace the window with glass or an approved all weather material that will match the aesthetics of the building. If not corrected within 30 days of notification a fine would be in place and prosecuted in

Municipal Court. After much discussion, the Council would like to hold a work session to discuss in further detail.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. McPherson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Moeder seconded this motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.