

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

### OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on September 7, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 9-20-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date in the amount of \$201,989.21.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 9-10-21:** Covering payroll ending September 4, 2021, in the amount of \$344,662.81.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- e) **2-Day CMB License:** Chad Ehrlich has applied for a 2-day CMB license for the Car Auction at the Expo Grounds on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Application has been received along with payment and a copy of the insurance.
- f) **Resolution 092021-A:** Attached is the pay resolution that was approved as part of the 2022 budget.
- 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 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:** Mr. Moeder read a thank you note from John Stettinger, one of the organizers of the recent "Convoy for Hope" event. John thanked all City staff involved for helping the event go so smoothly.

2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Doug Disque presented the following abatements:
  - B. **208 Fruit St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: a branch pile and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 208 Fruit St. constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-B.
  - C. **208 Locust St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: doors, appliances and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 208 Locust St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-C.
  - D. **408 Locust St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: couch and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 408 Locust St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 092021-D.
  - E. **432 Locust St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: construction debris and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 432 Locust St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-E.
  - F. **1208 Morphy St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: a dishwasher and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 1208 Morphy St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-F.
  - G. **1412 Broadway:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: trash bag, carpeting and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1412 Broadway constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-G.
  - H. **1447 Park Avenue:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: mattresses and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1447 Park Avenue constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-H.
  - I. **1622 19th St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: brush pile and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 1622 19<sup>th</sup> St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-I.
  - J. **1706 Holland:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: trash bags and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 1706 Holland constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-J.
  - K. **2406 18<sup>th</sup> St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: trash bags and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 2406 18<sup>th</sup> St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 092021-K.

Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 092021B-K. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsch and passed with all voting in favor.

- 5. 2022 Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Rates:** Human Resource Director Randy Keasling reported that the BCBS presented us with a projected 13% rate increase for 2022. In 2019 we had a 4% savings of claims to contributions and in 2020 we showed a 15% savings. We did not decrease our premiums in 2021 in an effort to keep premiums more consistent for instances just like this. Having come off of a very good year in 2020 with low utilization as well as not dropping our premiums, we are recommending holding our rates flat for 2022. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to approve 2022 BCBS rates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset with all voting in favor.
- 6. Moderate Income Housing Grant:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden 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. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve the City to apply for the Moderate-Income Housing Grant on behalf of GBED. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsch with all voting in favor.
- 7. 15-Minute Business Parking:** Public Works Director Jason Cauley reported that the parking spaces in front of That One Groomer and First National Travel are being parked in by people not there for business. Once the spaces are occupied the vehicles are left for long durations causing difficult access to the businesses. The owner of That One Groomer would like to have one parking stall in front of her business and First National Travel to be marked as 15-minute parking to alleviate this problem. Mr. Welsch made a motion to approve Resolution Number 092021-L, designating 15-minute parking zone in the fourth stall North of Tenth Street on the West side of Williams Street was made by Mr. Welsch. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed by a vote of 7-1, with Mr. Urban voting against.
- 8. Amendment to Texpar Lease:** City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that Texpar has land leased at the Great Bend Municipal Airport. The company has large tanks for storing petroleum products on the premises. They have been at the airport for 25 years and wish to extend their lease. The lease is for the land. Texpar pays \$500 per year. The real estate had set empty from the time the City acquired the airport in 1947 until Texpar leased the real estate and constructed the tanks. The company has been a good tenant at the airport. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to authorize Mayor Schmidt to sign the lease extension with Texpar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed by a vote of 7-1, with Ms. Biggs voting against.
- 9. City Administrator Evaluation:** The contract with City Administrator Kendal Francis required that a review be carried out annually on his anniversary date of July 30. At the July 19, 2021, council meeting, the Governing Body announced that they will reevaluate him in 90 days. It is recommended that the Governing Body recess to an executive session for the purpose of evaluating the City Administrator.

Mr. Urban made a motion to recess to executive session for a period of 25 minutes to discuss personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel to conduct the performance review of the City Administrator Kendal Francis under K.S.A 75 4319(b)(1). The regular meeting will resume at 7:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting back to order at 7:27pm

A motion was made by Ms. Biggs to return to executive session for a period of 10 minutes with the regular meeting resuming at 7:37pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder with all voting in favor

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting back to order at 7:37pm. No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Moeder made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Welsch seconded the motion and it passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.