

## 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 presents: Councilmembers Rickee Maddox, Alan Moeder, Cory Urban, Kevyn Soupiset Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez, Lindsey Krom-Craven, and Natalie Towns. Also in attendance were City Administrator Brandon Anderson, Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns, City Attorney Allen Glendenning, and City Clerk Shawna Schafer.

### OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on November 20, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 12-4-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date in the amount of \$160,627.13.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 12-1-23:** Covering payroll ending November 25, 2023, in the amount of \$445,884.92.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made the following appointments: To the CVB Board, the Mayor appointed Darcy Leech, Cory Zimmerman, Aileen Owen, Brooke Haulmark, Lacey Scholfield and Jan Westfall.
- e) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

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 Brandon Anderson presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.

3. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatements:** Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns said there were no abatements for this evening's meeting.
5. **Kayak Rentals:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes reported that the Great Bend CVB along with the Great Bend Recreation Commission applied for a grant for kayak rentals that will be managed by Rent.Fun LLC. There will be 4 at Veterans Lake and 4 at Stone Lake. Citizens can rent the kayaks through an app on their phone and will have to sign a liability release form through the app. They will be provided with a kayak and a life jacket and will be the citizens responsibly to follow rules. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve the partnership with Great Bend Recreation to allow 4 Kayak units to be placed at Veteran's Lake and 4 units to be placed at Stone Lake with approval of the Master Services agreement with Rent.Fun LLC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimenez and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **Venture Aggregates Lease Agreement:** City Administrator Brandon Anderson reported that we currently have a lease agreement for this tract of land with K&O Railroad and within the agreement they are supposed to ask permission to sublet. They have been subletting this lease to Venture as a pass through and in discussions with both K&O and Venture it was decided that the cleaner agreement would be directly with Venture and a longer-term agreement would allow Venture to comfortably invest in the property and make upgrades needed. The 20-year lease also has a 10-year extension allowed as long as both parties are agreeable when that time comes. This new lease has been accepted by Venture and we are working with K&O to finalize the termination simultaneously. The lease rate proposed was achieved by a submittal from Venture by Keller Real Estate to help ascertain "fair market" value. Venture will pay \$500 per month for the first ten years and then pay \$600 per month for the next 10 years. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Venture Aggregates as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **SRCA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that the SCRA operated the drag strip under an agreement that expired on December 31, 2022. A one-year agreement was negotiated for 2023, which expires December 31, 2023. Since the track is not operating, there is no need for an operating agreement, pending the outcome of the pending legal actions and a rebuild of the track. Thus, responsibility for the track will revert to the city at the conclusion of the current operating agreement. However, the SRCA has equipment and chemicals stored at the track and has requested that it be allowed to keep it there pending the outcome of the legal actions. There is no good reason to force a move of the equipment and chemicals as they will be needed at the track when the track resumes operation. The attached MOU sets out the agreement negotiated with the SRCA. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve the MOU with SRCA. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Soupiset made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.