

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers. Councilman Urban called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following presents: Councilmembers Rickee Maddox, Cory Urban, Kevyn Soupiset, Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez, Lindsey Krom-Craven and Tina Mingenback. Also in attendance were City Administrator Brandon Anderson, Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns, City Attorney Allen Glendenning, and City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer. Absent was councilmember Alan Moeder and Mayor Cody Schmidt.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on April 1, 2024.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 4-15-24:** Covering 2024 bills to date in the amount of \$337,579.81.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 4-5-24:** Covering payroll ending March 30, 2024, in the amount of \$409,533.84.
- d) **Appointments:** Mr. Urban made the following appointments:

Aron Lindberg to the Housing Authority Board, Jean Clair and Cathy Vonfeldt to the Human Society Board and Levi Morris to the BOCTEA board.
- e) **Door-to-Door License:** Gannon Reichert with Ready /Roofer, Inc has applied for a door-to-door license. All requirements of the ordinance have been completed and recommend approval.
- f) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Mr. Soupiset 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:

1. **Economic Development Incentive:** City Administrator Brandon Anderson reported that the Economic Development Incentive Committee met on Tuesday, February 27th to discuss the EDX request from Fuller Industries, Inc., the committee recommendation is that the initial request is not worthy of further consideration. This item was tabled at the council meeting on March 4, 2024, for 1 month and is being presented back to the council for action. As of April 9, 2024, no new information has been provided. Mr. Urban made a motion to deny the application for an extension of the property tax exemption for economic development purposes from Fuller Industries, Inc. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs with all voting in favor.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Daniel Frost spoke to Council regarding his frustrations with loud music and even gun shots in the area between Kiowa Road and Plum.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmember Maddox thanked the City for allowing her to attend the KS League of Municipalities conference.
2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Brandon Anderson 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:** Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns presented the following abatements.
 - a. **218 Pine:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: **Furniture and tires** and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 218 Pine and is the subject of Resolution Number 041524-A.
 - b. **913 Jefferson:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: **Refuse and junk** and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 913 Jefferson and is the subject of Resolution Number 041524-B.
 - c. **1618 Jefferson:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: **Refuse and trash** and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 1618 Jefferson and is the subject of Resolution Number 041524-C.
 - d. **3324 Lakin Ave:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: **Furniture** and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 3324 Lakin Ave and is the subject of Resolution Number 041524-D.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolutions 041524-A-D. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **Davin Mills Rezoning – 1923 Holland:** Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns reported that Davin Mills spoke at the March 25, 2024 Planning Commission and requested a rezoning of 1923 Holland (Property Owner is Walter & Betty Button) from R-2 (Multi-Family) to C-2 (General Commercial). This was requested in order for the applicant to build a shop on the property that would store trailers and material inside the shop. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning request to the City Council. Ms. Biggs made a motion to adopt the findings of fact as prepared by City staff and recommended for approval by the Planning

Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with all voting in favor. Ms. Biggs made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4435 to rezone the subject real estate from R-2 to C-2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox and passed with all voting in favor.

- 6. Tanner Davis Rezoning – 00 NE Baker Street:** Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns reported that Tanner Davis spoke at the March 25, 2024 Planning Commission and requested a rezoning of 00 NE Baker Street (Property Owner is Jim & Kathy Vopat) from R-1 (Single-Family) to A (Agricultural). This was requested in order for the applicant to build a shed on the property to house 4-H animals that would be 12'x24'. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning request to the City Council. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to adopt the findings of fact as prepared by City staff and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mingenback and passed with all voting in favor. Ms. Mingenback made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4436 to rezone the subject real estate from R-1 to Agricultural. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox and passed with all voting in favor.

- 7. Brit Spaugh Billboard:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes reported that for the past five years, our Brit Spaugh Billboard sign has operated beyond its warranty period. While we encountered minimal issues during this time, recent developments indicate the need for significant upgrades. Specifically, the screen portion and underlying technology require replacement to maintain functionality, necessitating a thorough assessment of potential solutions. After soliciting bids from both Marks Custom Signs and Commercial Sign Company out of Hays, we have determined that Marks offers a more cost-effective solution, with their bid coming in at \$41,107.60 which is \$14,651 lower than that of Commercial Sign Company. For the past few years, we have proactively allocated funds to a Billboard savings account, anticipating such expenses which the account is currently at \$55,010.00. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve the bid from Marks Custom Signs for \$41,107.60 for the replacement of the Brit Spaugh Billboard. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Biggs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Krom-Craven seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.