

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, Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez, and Lindsey Krom-Craven. 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 were councilmembers Cory Urban, Kevyn Soupiset, and Tina Mingenback.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on April 15, 2024.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 5-6-24:** Covering 2024 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 4-19-24:** Covering payroll ending April 13, 2024, in the amount of \$2,273,912.30
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt the following appointments:
 - **Airport Advisory Board:** Max Nichols
 - **Commission on Aging Board:** Kim Stein and Shirley Williams
 - **Housing Authority Board:** Diana Roberts, Lee McVey and Leroy Keith.
- e) **Cereal Malt Beverage License:** Greg King with the Sunflower Shrine Club has applied for a 1-day Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Beer Garden during June Jaunt on June 1, 2024 in Jack Kilby Square. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- f) **Tree Trimmers License:** Gannon Reichert with O-Impact Tree Service our of Great Bend, KS has applied for a Tree Trimmers license. All requirements of the ordinance have been completed and recommend approval.
- g) **Al Burns Mural:** Approval for the Great Bend Economic Development Corporation to paint a mural on the back of the visitors' dugout at Al Burns Field with a Baseball Americana Theme.
- h) **Agenda:** Mayor Schmidt amended the agenda to remove the Economic Development update.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.) Maribeth Shafer from the Great Bend Public Library addressed the Governing Body and thanked them for the new roof. She also announced that they had received a \$10,000 grant for improving accessibility to the library. The grant requires a survey of the public on what they think the need is.
- 2.) Brent Cox addressed the Governing Body about the door hangar he received about mowing his property. He said he is unable to afford a mower or hire someone to do the work. He also stated that a City employee violated his rights in placing a business card on his doorbell camera which is tampering with his camera.

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 and Department Heads gave an update on what is happening in their department as well.
3. **US-56 & McKinley Traffic Signal Upgrade:** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that KDOT sent a revised contract today changing language about obtaining an easement and he recommended tabling this matter until both parties are satisfied with the contract. Ms. Biggs made a motion to table the agreement with KDOT for the US-56 & McKinley Traffic Signal Upgrade. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox with all voting in favor.
4. **2024 Transportation Alternative Grant:** Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala reported that we applied for the Transportation Alternatives program on March 1st for Downtown Sidewalk Repair and Accessibility Improvements for Main Street from 10th street to 17th street for an estimate of \$800,000.00. I received a response for the application from KDOT informing us that our eligibility will be a 20% match if the program is awarded (in this case \$160,000.00). As next steps for the process, KDOT requires the city to provide letters of support and pass a resolution acknowledging availability of the required local match of no less than 20% and availability of funds to pay all upfront costs, since the TA program is a cost reimbursement program. Funding for the project will come from KDOT grants fund and ¼ cent sales tax fund if the program is awarded. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve Resolution 050624-A for 20% match for the project if awarded. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.
5. **Abatements:** Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns presented the following abatements.
 - A. **2100 Holland:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: brush pile 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 2100 Holland and is the subject of Resolution Number 050624-B.
 - B. **1814 Adams:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: brush and refuse 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 1814 Adams and is the subject of Resolution Number 050624-C.

- C. 301 Locust:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: appliance and 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 301 Locust and is the subject of Resolution Number 050624-D.

Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to approve Resolutions 050624 B-D. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox and passed with all voting in favor.

- 6. Dangerous Building – 2421 12th Street:** Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns will reported that an inspection was conducted on the house located at 2421 12th Street as part of a search warrant conducted by the Barton County Sheriff's Office. There are no utilities to the structure and there were multiple makeshift wood burning stoves without proper venting. Piles of ashes were collecting in front of the stove and in the corner of the room along with multiple propane bottles indoors. Multiple electrical boxes were noted with exposed wiring and the ceiling assemblies in multiple rooms had fallen. Mold was noted in the living room ceiling assembly from the roof leaking. The interior load bearing walls had had due to possible floor joist and/foundation failure. The exterior shows missing shingles and windows boarded up and the front porch has deteriorated, and the corner support post has shifted off the foundation. Multiple areas of foundation repair were noted. We have served the first resolution physically on the property, first-class mail and by certified mail with no response from the owner. The accessory structure was previously approved through Council to be repaired or razed and that date has since passed. The final date for the repair or razing of the house will be set for June 8, 2024. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Ms. Maddox made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolution 050624-E. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox and passed with all voting in favor.

- 7. Langrehr Field Bathrooms:** Mayor Schmidt reported that the City received a phone call earlier this afternoon on information regarding these bathrooms. He would like to table this matter so staff can get more information. Ms. Biggs made a motion to table the purchase of the prefabricated restroom facility from Sourcewell preferred vendor CXT for a total price of \$90,093. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Biggs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.