

City of Great Bend
January 4, 2016

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Mike Allison called the meeting to order with the following present: Councilmembers Allene Owen, Wayne Henneke, Vicki Berryman, Joel Jackson and Matt Hiss. Councilmembers Mike Zinn, Dana Dawson and Erika Julian were absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Howard Partington, City Clerk Amit Patel and City Attorney Robert Suelter.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 21, 2015.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register #01-04-16:** covering 2014 bills to date in the amount of \$145,442.60.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 12-25-2015** covering payroll ending January 3 2015, in the amount of \$298,512.19
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Allison made no appointments.

Mr. Henneke moved, seconded by Ms. Owen, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

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. **City Administrator's Update:** City Administrator Howard Partington reported on recent activities of the various city departments.
- 3. **Economic Development Report:** Jan Peters made her monthly report.
- 4. **Abatement Requests:** Assistant Sanitarian Thomas Holmes presented the following abatements:
 - a. 1101 Morphy. Trash and refuse are in a trailer, vehicle tires, vehicle parts, scrap metal, old shelving and construction debris are also on the real estate, all or which constitutes an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010416-A.

- b. 2815 Broadway. Trash, refuse, abandoned appliances, bicycle parts, junk lawn mowers and household trash are located on the real estate at 2915 Broadway constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010416-A.

Mr. Henneke made a motion to adopt Resolutions Numbered 010416-A and 010416-B. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **Request for No Parking Signs.** The Great Bend Recreation Commission has requested that parking be prohibited where Jefferson Street terminates just north of 17th Street at the entrance to the new playground located at the recreation commission property that is the old Morrison School. City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that he has prepared a resolution to prohibit parking. He also reported that signs were once located in this area but were removed over time. The Street Department cannot locate a resolution for the signs so another was prepared. Mr. Jackson made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 010416-C. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **Request for Letter of Support for Housing Tax Credits.** City Administrator Howard Partington reported that the Overland Property Group was preparing an application to be submitted to the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation for the next phase of the Reserves at Trail Ridge apartment complex. Overland is requesting a letter of support from the city. Ms. Berryman made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to submit a letter of support on behalf of the City Council for housing tax credits for the next phase (48 units) of the Reserves at Trail Ridge. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **Christy Tustin Report of Project.** Golden Belt Community Foundation Executive Director reported that an anonymous donor had funded a program to support local law enforcement in light of the recent negative publicity that has occurred nationally about law enforcement. She will work with the police department to develop written stories about local officers, promote positive attitudes toward police officers in local schools and develop a video featuring local officers explaining why they wear the badge. This was an informational item only.
8. **Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan.** City Administrator Howard Partington reported that Barton County has prepared a Multi Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan for the County. The City can adopt the plan or develop one of its own. An approved plan must be in existence to qualify for some federal emergency funds. The City has adopted this plan in the past. Mr. Henneke made a motion to adopt resolution 010415-D adopting the Multi Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan as prepared by Barton County Emergency Management. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
9. **Mowing Fees and Demolition Assessments Not Processed.** City Clerk Amit Patel reported that mowing and demolition fees submitted to the County from 2014 and 2015 were not processed by the County Treasurer. Therefore the fees were not placed on the tax statements. After some discussion Ms. Owen made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to send a strongly worded letter to the County Treasurer concerning this matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Owen made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.