

City of Great Bend
March 21, 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 Mike Zinn, Allene Owen, Wayne Henneke, Vicki Berryman, Dana Dawson and Matt Hiss. Councilmember 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 March 7, 2016.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register #03-21-16:** covering 2016 bills to date in the amount of \$354,884.86.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 03-18-2016** covering payroll ending March 12, 2016, in the amount of \$357,151.43.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Allison made no appointments

Mr. Henneke moved, seconded by Ms. Owen, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

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. **Community Coordinator Report.** Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatement Requests:** The following abatement was presented to the Governing Body:
 - a. 213 Pine. Assistant City Sanitarian Tom Holmes reported that there is a beige Chevrolet Suburban located on the real estate at 213 Pine Street, Great Bend, Kansas, that is not displaying a current tag and/or is not in operable condition and which constitutes a vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 032116-A.

Ms. Owen made a motion to adopt Resolutions Numbered 030716-A and 030716-B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zinn and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **Active Barton: A Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for Barton County.** Dale Hogg, a committee member of Be Well Barton County, presented a report on the Great Bend section of Active Barton County. No financial commitment was made by Mr. Hogg in the report. The plan would be developed over time and he would return with requests as the plan progressed. Ms. Owen made a motion to support the plan in general and evaluate each activity and suggestion as they come up for formal action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **Request to Provide Bicycle Racks for Installation.** Brandon Steinert appeared before the Governing Body on behalf of the Young Professionals. He indicated that the Young Professionals were requesting permission to provide several bicycle racks to the City in exchange for the City installing the racks. The Mayor indicated that the City had a concern about the turquoise color of the proposed racks and suggested that the racks be black in color to match the existing racks. Mr. Steinert indicated that the color was the color branding the Young Professionals but indicated that they would be willing to discuss the color. It was suggested that the racks be installed in locations agreed upon by the Chief of Police and Director of Public Lands. The color of the racks is also to be determined by that group. Ms. Owen made a motion that the city accept the racks and that the color of the racks and the location of installation be determined by the Chief of Police and Director of Public Lands in consultation with the representative of the Young Professionals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zinn and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **Zoo improvements.** City Administrator introduced Katherine Opie, Director of the Dorothy M. Morrison Foundation, to the Governing Body. Ms. Opie announced two grants from the foundation. A grant in the amount of \$130,000.00 is for the expansion of the grizzly bear exhibit at the zoo. There are currently four bears in the exhibit and the exhibit is smaller than needed. Improvements to be made are the expansion of the exhibit to the west, a new pond for the bears, an activity wall for the bears and other improvements. A second grant of \$100,000.00 will be for improvements to the bison enclosure to allow bison to be reintroduced into the zoo. Improvements will be a new shield for shelter and storage, new fencing, sidewalks, landscape and signage for the exhibit. Mr. Partington and Zoo Curator Sarah Hamlin explained the planned improvements in more detail. Ms. Berryman made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign the appropriate documents to accept the grants and to direct staff to carry out the project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
8. **Request for Stop Sign.** City Administrator Partington reported that with the development of Amber Meadows that it was determined that a stop sign should be installed at 24th Street and Prairie Rose Drive stopping northbound traffic on Prairie Rose Drive before it entered 24th Street. The authorization for the stop sign is in Resolution Number 032116-B. Ms. Owen Made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 032116-B authorizing the installation of a stop sign on Prairie Rose Drive at its entry onto 24th Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor.
9. **Unsafe and Dangerous Structure at 26 Hickory.** Mayor Allison opened the public hearing on the structure at 26 Hickory. City Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Baker updated the Governing Body on the status of the mobile home on the real estate. The mobile home has broken windows, siding falling off, no sewer service, no skirting, is heated with an improperly vented stove, is structurally unsafe and has people entering and leaving the mobile home at all hours of the day and night. Code Enforcement Officer Baker indicated

that the structure was unsafe and dangerous and should be razed and removed within fifteen days or be razed and removed by the City. Daniel Frost and Tyson Newman, neighbors of 26 Hickory also appeared and indicated that the structure was a nuisance and was unsafe and dangerous. There being no other parties to speak at the public hearing Mr. Zinn made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Hiss then made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 032116-C finding the structure at 26 Hickory to be unsafe and dangerous and directing that it be razed and removed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor.

- 10. HorsePower on the Plains Cruise Night with 620 Club.** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes reported that the 620 Club was sponsoring racing activities at the Great Bend Drag Strip. In order to encourage the activity they are conducting a Cruise Night Gathering on May 13, 2016. In order to do this they have requested the closure of parking spaces around Jack Kilby Square, except on the Broadway Avenue portion, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 13, 2016, and to authorize non-street legal cars to take part in the Cruise Night activities and parade through a specified path in the city. Ms. Owen made a motion to authorize non-street legal cars to cruise through town with the appropriate path provided they are car club affiliated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zinn and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Henneke made a motion to authorize blocking off all parking spaces around Jack Kilby Square, except on Broadway Avenue, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 13, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hiss and passed with all voting in favor.
- 11. Events Center Office Remodel Change Order.** City Administrator Howard Partington reported that the construction of the office at the Events Center was now completed. The architect has submitted a change order for the final cost of the construction of the project resulting in a decrease of the total cost in the amount of \$490.00. The final cost of the construction was reduced from \$53,172.28 to \$52,682.28. Mr. Hiss made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign Change Order Number 1 for the remodel of the events center CVB office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zinn and passed with all voting in favor.
- 12. Neighborhood Revitalization Update.** City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that the Kansas Attorney General's Office had refused to approve the Interlocal Agreements submitted for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Although the agreements submitted were the same as the several renewals in the past several years, with the exception of the dates, the office would not accept them. Ellinwood's Revitalization Program faces the same problems. It was also pointed out that the legislature has bills pending before it to severely restrict revenue available to local entities through the property tax. City Attorney Suelter reported that he will work with the Ellinwood city attorney in an effort to draft an agreement acceptable to the Kansas Attorney General's Office. The agreement will then have to be resubmitted to all of the agencies participating in the program for their approval before it can be sent to the Attorney General's office. This was an informational item only.
- 13. Fire Department Safer Grant Application.** Fire Chief Mike Napolitano reported that his department was preparing an application for a grant that would fund the hiring of three additional firefighters/EMTs, one for each shift. In order to apply for the grant the department needs a letter of support from the Governing Body. If successful the grant does not require that the additional personnel for the Fire Department continue to be employed after the grant funds run out. At that time a decision will have to be made whether to fund the positions by an increase of the city budget, fund the positions by cutting the budget somewhere else or eliminate the positions. Ms. Berryman made a

motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign the letter of support for the Fire Department's Safer Grant application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hiss and passed with all voting in favor.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zinn made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.