

City of Great Bend
April 18, 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 and Joel Jackson. Councilmembers Elect Cory Zimmerman and Brock McPherson were also present. Councilmembers Matt Hiss 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 April 4, 2016.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register #04-18-16:** covering 2016 bills to date in the amount of \$114,129.29.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 04-15-2016** covering payroll ending April 9, 2016, in the amount of \$360,293.93.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Allison made no appointments

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

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly elected council members: Joel Jackson, Vicki Berryman, Brock McPherson and Cory Zimmerman.

Official Depositories: Mr. Henneke made a motion to designate Farmers Bank & Trust, Sunflower Bank, N.A., Landmark Federal Savings Bank, First Kansas Bank, Community Bank of the Midwest, American State Bank & Trust Company, NA, Bank of the West, Bank of America and Central National Bank & Trust, NA, as official city depositories. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor.

President of the Council: Ms. Berryman nominated Mr. Henneke for the position of President of the Council. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Jackson. There being no other nominations the motion passed with all voting in favor.

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:** Assistant Sanitarian Thomas Holmes presented information on the real estate located at 1401 9th Street. Old carpet and household trash is located on the real estate constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 041816-A. Ms. Owen made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 041816-A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor.
- 5. Recognition of Service.** Former Councilperson Matt Hiss was not available at the meeting for the purpose of being recognized for his service. Mayor Allison indicated that the plaque to be presented to him will be delivered to him.
- 6. KDOT Federal Fund Exchange.** The State of Kansas has submitted an agreement to exchange Federal Funds for State of Kansas funds that will result in the City having broader latitude and less restrictions of the state funds. The City would forego the collection of \$188,335.52 in exchange for state funds in the amount of \$169,501.70. This would be an overall reduction of ten per cent but the City realizes a gain with the lifting on the limitations on the use of said funds. Mr. Zinn made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign the Federal Fund Exchange Master Agreement with KDOT to allow the City to receive \$169,501.70 in KDOT funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor.
- 7. Improvements to Band shell Area.** City Administrator Howard Partington presented information to the Governing Body concerning improvements to the band shell area at Jack Kilby Square. The City has approximately \$200,000.00 in funds available from the Thelma Faye Harms Trust as well as \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 of funds set aside in reserves for improvements in the area. Potential improvements include expansion of the band shell floor, ADA ramps to provide accessibility to the band shell, the installation of a drive near the band shell for loading and unloading, the movement of benches to accommodate the larger stage, air circulation in the band shell and a splash pad north of the current plaza. It was pointed out that the time capsule and the gun on display may have to be moved to a new location and that the current fountain would be removed. This was an informational item only and will be presented at the next meeting to determine the next step to be taken so that improvements can become a reality. It is anticipated that the design could be completed and bids let to allow construction to commence in September, 2016, so that it will be completed for the 2017 summer season.
- 8. Sports Complex Concession Lease Agreement.** Roger Ward has indicated a desire to renew his lease for this summer season on the concession lease at the Sports Complex. No other parties expressed an interest. Mr. Ward operated the facility last summer and the City was quite satisfied with his services. The concession lease contains the same terms and conditions as last year's lease. Ms. Owen made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign the concession lease agreement for the Sports Complex with Roger Ward. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zinn and passed with all voting in favor.

- 9. Downtown Art & Wine Walk Permission.** The City, in conjunction with several downtown merchants, is sponsoring an Art and Wine Walk on May 6, 2016. Wine samples will be given away in various downtown merchants place of business and art works will be sold by silent auction with the proceeds used to fund the arts in the downtown area. In order to do this the Governing Body is required to notify the State of Kansas of the event by the passage of a resolution. Mr. Jackson made a motion to authorize the City to host the Art & Wine walk on May 6, 2016 in the downtown area to promote the arts and create retail awareness. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Zinn made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 041816-C authorizing the serving of complimentary alcoholic liquor/cereal malt beverages in unlicensed premises within the City on May 6, 2016, in conjunction with the Downtown Arts and Wine Walk sponsored by the City of Great Bend, Kansas, and directing the Kansas State Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control be notified of the event. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor.
- 10. Request to be in Jack Kilby Square after Midnight.** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes reported that the Great Bend High School classes of 1961 and 1966 were planning their high school class reunion on September 3, 2016, with evening activities planned for Jack Kilby Square. Additionally the class of 1966 may join the activities. Because of the activities there authorization is requested to allow people in Jack Kilby Square until midnight on September 3, 2016. Ms. Owen made a motion to authorize the classes of 1991 and 1996, as well as the class of 1966, to hold class reunion functions in Jack Kilby Square until midnight on September 3, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor.
- 11. Unsafe and Dangerous Structure at 623 Baker.** City Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Baker presented information concerning the condition of the old C.O. Mammels warehouse located at 623 Baker. He reported that the front loading dock is collapsed, rebar is exposed in the loading dock, the roof is partially collapsed, there is a large crack in the north wall, the wall is pushing up the roof in one spot and the building is blighting influence on the neighborhood. Code Enforcement Officer Baker provided a written complaint and notice given to the owner of the real estate, Professional Cargo Services, Inc., as well as pictures of the condition of the structure. He reported that he has been in contact with the owner but nothing has been done to the structure. He requested that this matter be scheduled for hearing before the Governing Body to determine whether a dangerous and unsafe structure exists at 623 Baker and, if so, what action should be taken to correct the problem. Mr. Henneke made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 041816-C scheduling a hearing for the structure located at 623 Baker, Great Bend, Kansas, for June 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
- 12. Request to Support and Sponsor Emergency Solutions Grant.** The Family Crisis Center has requested the City to support and sponsor the Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant Application. This grant was formerly handled by the Barton County Treasurer but the State of Kansas has refused to continue to use that office for the grant because of problems with the County audit. This is a pay through grant and costs the City nothing. The City sponsored the grant in 2015. Mr. Zinn made a motion to authorize the City to support, sponsor and sign the Family Crisis Center's Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant Application with a budget of \$95,393.00 understanding there will be no financial contribution by the City. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson 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. Zinn and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.