

City of Great Bend
July 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, Joel Jackson, Cory Zimmerman and Brock McPherson. Councilmember Dana Dawson was 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 July 5, 2016.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register #07-18-16:** covering 2016 bills to date in the amount of \$271,787.94.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 07-08-2016** covering payroll ending July 2, 2016, in the amount of \$296,347.50 and longevity pay in the amount of \$18,526.79.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Allison made no appointments.

Ms. Owen moved, seconded by Ms. Berryman, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

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 abatements were presented to the Governing Body:
 - a. 1114 Holland. Old furniture, scrap metal, scrap lumber, yard waste, vehicle tires, vehicle parts and household trash is located on the real estate at 1114 Holland constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 071816-A.

- b. 425 Buckeye. Scrap metal, scrap lumber, vehicle tires, plastic pipe, and construction/demolition debris are located on the real estate at 425 Buckeye constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 071816-B.
- c. 401 Plum. Old discarded furniture, bedding and household trash are located on the real estate at 401 Plum constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 071816-C.
- d. 821 Morphy. Vehicle tires, vehicle parts, and abandoned appliances are located on the real estate located at 821 Morphy constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 071816-D.

Mr. Zinn made a motion to adopt Resolutions Number 071816-A to 071816-D. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor.

- 5. **2016 Wine in the Wild.** Karen Neuforth, on behalf of the Great Bend Zoological Society, reported on the Wine in the Wild event scheduled for September 10, 2016. The event is a fund raiser for the zoo. Permission to serve alcohol during the event was requested. Mr. Henneke made a motion to authorize the sale and consumption of alcohol in the Great Bend Brit Spaugh Zoo on the evening of September 10, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zinn and passed with all voting in favor.
- 6. **2016 Annual Audit Report.** Councilperson Joel Jackson, Chairman of the Administration Committee, reported that the annual audit was submitted to the Committee on July 11, 2016, by Vickie Dreiling of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball. The auditors reported a clean audit. The Committee recommended that the audit be accepted by the City Council. Ms. Berryman made a motion to accept the 2015 Annual Audit Report as presented by Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman and passed with all voting in favor.
- 7. **Request for Cereal Malt Beverage License.** City Clerk Amit Patel reported that Edgar Jacobs is requesting a cereal malt beverage license to sell at the Great Bend Events Center. The Governing Body was informed that the license would not be an exclusive license but that Mr. Jacobs does provide adult beverages to a majority of the events. Mr. Patel recommended issuance of the license. Mr. Zinn made a motion to approve the issuance of a cereal malt beverage license to Edgar Jacobs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
- 8. **Employee Manual Update Regarding Concealed Carry of Handguns by City Employees.** City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that since the Kansas Legislature has recently changed the law to forbid municipalities from prohibiting employees from carrying concealed handguns into city buildings and jobsites. City staff has drawn a policy on this matter that deals with the situation. All guns must be concealed while at work. Guns shall not be left unattended or stored in city buildings. Guns stored in city vehicles must be stored out of sight and in a locked case with the vehicle locked. Guns stored in private vehicles on city property must be stored out of sight and the vehicle locked. The policy also prohibits certain acts. Ms. Owen made a motion to add the new language regarding concealed carry of handguns by city employees to the Employee Manual. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor.
- 9. **Party in the Park Requests.** Community Coordinator Hayes made several requests concerning Party in the Park activities. Ms. Owen made a motion to close 17th Street

Terrace west of McKinley to White Sands Drive from 7:00 a.m. to midnight to utilize it for extra parking and allow one-way traffic to be directed to the west and have the street completely closed to all traffic, except car show traffic, from McKinley to the low road coming from the park. Traffic will be only one way through Veterans Park at the north entrance of the park and the exit on 17th Street Terrace. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zinn and passed with all voting in favor. Ms. Berryman then made a motion to allow the discharge of fireworks in Veterans Park on Saturday, August 13, 2016, by contracted officials for the fireworks display starting around 10:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. McPherson and passed with all voting in favor. Ms. Owen made a motion to allow non street legal cars that are local car club affiliated to be able to preregister and travel no more than 12 blocks to get to the Party in the Park Car Show. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Zinn made a motion to allow people to be in Veterans Park on that evening after midnight for the clean up after the day's activities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman 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. Henneke and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Great Bend, Kansas

July 12, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET STUDY SESSION

The Governing Body met in a special meeting on July 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. for a budget study session.. Present were Mayor Mike Allison as well as Councilmembers Allene Owen, Wayne Henneke, Vicki Berryman, Joel Jackson, Dana Dawson Cory Zimmerman and Brock McPherson. Mr. Zinn arrived at 7:30 p.m. because of work obligations. Also present were City Administrator Howard D. Partington, City Attorney Robert G. Suelter and City Clerk Amit Patel.

Mayor Allison opened the meeting up for discussion. Mr. Partington discussed the 2016 budget as presented. He explained the emphasis of the budget on fulfilling the goals set by the Governing Body. One of the goals Mr. Partington discussed was the repair of the City's aging water system and the use of General Obligation Bonds. The low interest rates currently available as well as the retirement of several bond payment obligations in the near future make this more lucrative. After some discussion Mr. Henneke made a motion to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00 with interest only payments the first three years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. McPherson voting no.

Presentations were also made by Chief of Police Cliff Couch concerning the condition of the police department building. The Chief indicated that the building had adequate space but that it was not being utilized properly. Additionally Chief Couch and Fire Chief Napolitano discussed the retention of police officers and fire department personnel. It was noted that the turnover is not great in either department at this time as a result of recent actions by the Governing Body.

Mr. Partington then finished his presentation of the budget and noted that the mill levy would remain the same as last year. There being no further discussion Mr. Henneke made a motion that the appropriate action to set this matter for public hearing on August 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman. A motion was then made by Mr. Jackson to amend the motion to direct that no funds be distributed by the City to the Great Bend Public Library from the 2017 budget until the City has been reimbursed the expenses for the tree removal, as previously defined, by the Library Director. That motion was seconded by Mr. Dawson and passed with all voting in favor. The amended motion was then voted on and passed with all voting in favor.

There being no further business, Ms. Owen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

