

City of Great Bend
May 1, 2017

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 Boys, Allene Owen, Vicki Berryman Joel Jackson, Dana Dawson, Cory Zimmerman and Brock McPherson. Wayne Henneke was absent. Also in attendance were the City Administrator Howard Partington, City Clerk Shawna Schafer and City Attorney Robert Suelter.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on April 17, 2017.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register #05-01-17:** covering 2017 bills to date in the amount of 403,646.95.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 04-28-2017** covering payroll ending April 22, 2017, in the amount of \$366,954.11.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Allison made no appointments

Ms. Owen moved, seconded by Mr. Boys, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Allison announced that he will not seek reelection in the upcoming election.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.
2. **City Administrator's Update:** City Administrator Howard Partington updated the Governing Body with what is happening within the city organization.
3. **Economic Development Report:** Jan Peters presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatement Requests:** The following abatements were presented to the Governing Body:
 - a. 1024 Jefferson. There is trash and refuse, including but not limited to an old discarded sofa, and discarded tires located on the real estate at 1024 Jefferson constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 050117-A

- b. 402 Frey Street. Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, discarded furniture items, discarded appliances and other refuse are located on the real estate at 402 Frey Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 050117-C.
- c. 236 Maple Street. Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, yard waste, tree limbs and tree branches are located on the real estate at 236 Maple Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 050117-B.
- d. 401 Plum Street. Several large fallen trees on the real estate located at 401 Plum constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 050117-E.
- e. 220 Heizer. Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, old discarded furniture, discarded appliances, discarded tires and household trash and refuse are located on the real estate at 220 Heizer. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 050117-F.
- f. 1705 Stone. Discarded lumber and scrap wood are located near the front door of the home at 1705 Stone constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 050117-D.

Mr. Dawson made a motion to adopt Resolutions Numbered 05011-A to 050117-F. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **Unsafe and Dangerous Structures.** Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Baker presented information concerning two structures on Walnut Street. The first structure was a mobile home at 422 Walnut. The structure had missing skirting, no sewer or water service, had been dumping raw sewage on the ground, had an illegal electrical hookup and was in poor structural condition. The structure at 417 Walnut had missing skirting, several broken windows, an open front door and was in poor structural conditions. Both structures are unoccupied. Building Inspector requested that these matters be set for hearing as unsafe and dangerous structures. Ms. Owen made a motion to adopt Resolution 050117-G setting a hearing on the structure at 422 Walnut. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Boys made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 050117-H setting a hearing on the structure at 417 Walnut. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **Bandshell and Splash Pad Improvements.** City Administrator Howard Partington reported that the splash pad and the band shell improvement project were nearing completion. The Thelma Faye Harms Charitable Trust provided the majority of the money for the improvements. He recommended that the stage be named as the Thelma Fay Harms Stage while the name of the band shell continue to be named the Clayton M. Moses Bandshell. Mr. Boys made a motion to name the stage at the Clayton M. Moses Bandshell the Thelma Faye Harms Stage. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **Request to Operate Non Street Legal Vehicle on City Streets.** Police Chief Cliff Couch reported that he has had a request from a couple who were having their wedding reception and dance at St. Patrick's Parrish Hall on May 6, 2017. The groom is a stock car racer and the couple have requested that they be allowed to unload their race car at Veterans Memorial Park and drive it to the parking lot of St. Patrick's Parrish hall. The vehicle is not street legal and to accommodate the couple Chief Couch would

have an officer close the street for the few minutes it took the vehicle to course the street to the church. Mr. Jackson made a motion to allow the non-street legal vehicle drive on the city streets from Veterans Memorial Park to St. Patrick's Catholic Church on May 6, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boys and passed by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. McPherson voting no.

- 8. 2017 City Elections.** City Attorney Robert Suelter outlined the procedure for filing to be a candidate for a city position. All filings must take place at the Barton County Clerk's Office not later than noon on June 1, 2017. The filing fee is \$20.00 and candidates may choose to file by petition with the signatures of at least five qualified electors of the district for which they are filing. This was an informational item only.
- 9. Cereal Malt Beverage License.** The Sunflower Shrine Club has applied for a cereal malt beverage for one day at Jack Kilby Square on June 3, 2017. This will be in conjunction with the June Jaunt. City Clerk Shawna Schafer reported that the applicant has met all requirements. This club provided the beer garden at the last June Jaunt event. Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the one day cereal malt beverage license on June 3, 2017, for the Sunflower Shrine Club. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
- 10. Request for City to Take Back Two Lots in the Amber Meadows RHID Area.** Dennis Call appeared before the Governing Body and requested that the City take back two lots that he has agreed to purchase and construct new homes on. He indicated that since the downturn of the economy that he is having difficulty finding anyone to purchase the homes. These two lots have not been built on. He does have some homes completed and has not been able to sell some of the homes. Mr. Boys made a motion to have staff research the pros and cons of the City taking back the two lots as requested by Mr. Call. The motion was seconded by Mr. McPherson and passed with all voting in favor.
- 11. Request for an Executive Session.** Mr. McPherson made a motion to recess to executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters concerning nonelected personnel with the regular meeting to resume in the City Council Chambers at 8:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman and passed with all voting in favor.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Governing Body returned into regular session at 8:50 p.m. and Ms. Owen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boys and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

