

September 18, 2017
7:30 p.m.

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 and Brock McPherson. Also in attendance were City Attorney Robert Suelter and City Clerk Shawna Schafer.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on September 5, 2017.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register #09-18-17:** covering 2017 bills to date in the amount of \$245,457.02.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 09-15-2017** covering payroll ending September 9, 2015 in the amount of \$369,983.95.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Allison made no appointments.
- e) **Agenda.** Mr. Boys made a motion amend the agenda by adding the following to the consent agenda: A motion that the resignation of Police Chief Clifton Couch be accepted subject to his pay being continued to October 15, 2017, and Chief Couch be relieved from reporting to work immediately. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and Passed with all voting in favor.

Mr. Boys moved, seconded by Ms. Owen, to approve the consent agenda as amended. 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.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Councilmember Ward 2 Appointment and Oath of Office.** The Council Interview Committee unanimously recommended Jolene Biggs to fill the vacant council seat for the remainder of the term. Mayor Allison suggested that the committee recommendation be accepted. Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to appoint Jolene Biggs to fill the open council position in the Second Ward. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor.
- 2. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.
- 3. **Appointment of Fire Chief.** The Fire Chief Interview Committee reported that they interviewed three internal candidates for appointment as Fire Chief. All were very qualified. The majority of the committee recommended Captain Luke McCormick for the position. The Mayor appointed Luke McCormick as Fire Chief.

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Ms. Owen made a motion to approve Luke McCormick Fire Chief. The motion was seconded by Mr. McPherson and passed with all voting in favor.

4. **Appointment of Interim City Administrator:** Mayor Allison announced that the committee has recommended that George Kolb be appointed Interim City Administrator. Mr. Boys made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign a six-month contract with George Kolb, with a provision to terminate early by 30 days written notice, to act as Interim City Administrator commencing October 9, 2017, and at the rate of \$2,115.00 per week plus housing expense. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor.
5. **Community Coordinator Report:** Christina Hayes made her monthly report.
6. **Abatement Request:** All properties to be heard at this meeting have been corrected.
7. **Cereal Malt Beverage License:** F&E Collector Auto Auction has requested a two-day cereal malt beverage license. City Clerk Shawna Schafer reported that they have met all ordinance requirements. Mr. Boys made a motion to approve the two-day cereal malt beverage license for F&E Collector Auto Auction. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
8. **Request to Close Zoo on the Day of Zoo Boo.** Zoo Boo will be held on October 28, 2017. In order to prepare for the event it is requested that the zoo be closed for the day. Ms. Owen made a motion to close the zoo during the day on October 28, 2017, to allow set up for Zoo Boo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman and passed with all voting in favor.
9. **Young Professionals Half Marathon Closing Request:** Brandon Steinert presented the request to close Forest Avenue from Williams to Forest from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on October 21, 2017. Mr. Boys made a motion to close Forest Avenue from Williams to Main from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on October 21, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
10. **Safer Grant Award.** It was announced that the Great Bend Fire Department has been awarded the Safer Grant that was applied for by former Fire Chief Mike Napolitano. This grant will allow the fire department to hire three additional firefighters in 2018. This was an informational item.
11. **Rezoning of Real Estate in Gunn Addition:** City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that Housing Opportunities Inc., (HOI) has requested the rezoning of certain real estate in the Gunn Addition. The Planning Commission has recommended approval. Mr. Boys made a motion to adopt the findings of fact recommended by the staff and the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Boys then made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4314 rezoning the subject real estate from R-3 (multi-family) to PUD (Planned Unit Development). The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
12. **Alley Vacation in the Gunn Addition.** City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that HOI has requested that the alley in the real estate rezoned in the previous item be vacated since it will be no longer needed since the real estate will be developed as a Planned Unit Development. The appropriate notice has been published and the city staff has analyzed the request as directed by Resolution Number

011893A. Staff recommends approval of the vacation. Mayor Allison opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the audience, Mr. Boys made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and Passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Zimmerman then made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4315 vacating the alley as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boys and passed with all voting in favor.

13. 15% Water Rate Increase Amendment Ordinance: City Clerk SHAWNA Schaffer presented Ordinance number 4316 raising the water rates for water users in in the City of Great Bend by 15%. It was pointed out that this increase was discussed and decided upon at the summer budget session. Ms. Berryman made a motion that Ordinance Number 4316, raising the water rates by 15% be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boys and passed by a vote of 7-1, with Mr. McPherson voting no.

14. PEC Engineering Services Contract for HVAC System at the Crest Theater: City Attorney Robert Suelter presented a contract from PEC for engineering services to design the replacement of the HVAC System at the Crest Theater. Mr. Boys made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign the engineering services agreement in the amount of \$49,900.00 for the replacement of the HVAC system at the Crest Theater. 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. Boys and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

