

City of Great Bend
November 6, 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, Jolene Biggs, Vicki Berryman, Joel Jackson, Dana Dawson, Cory Zimmerman and Brock McPherson. Also in attendance were Interim City Administrator George Kolb, City Attorney Robert Suelter and City Clerk Shawna Schafer.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 16, 2017.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register #11-06-17:** covering 2017 bills to date in the amount of \$308,273.91.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 10-27-2017** covering payroll ending October 21, 2017, in the amount of \$353,072.83.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Allison made no appointments.
- e) **Tree Trimmer License:** Total Tree Service from Garfield, Kansas, has applied for a tree trimmer's license. All the requirements of the ordinance have been met.
- g) **Agenda.** There were no amendments to the agenda.

Ms. Owen moved, seconded by Mr. Boys, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Mr. Jackson abstaining..

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. **Administrator's Update Report:** Interim City Administrator George Kolb presented update on the Police Chief Committee activities. He answered questions on the update.
- 3. **Economic Development Report.** Jan Peters presented her monthly economic development report.
- 4. **Abatement Requests.** The following abatements were presented to the Governing Body:

- a. **1001 8th Street.** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to discarded automobile tires, wooden pallets, discarded appliances and yard waste are located on the real estate at 1001 8th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 110617-A.
- b. **219 Fruit.** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, junk bicycle parts, discarded appliances, discarded construction debris, demolition debris and general trash are on the real estate located at 219 Fruit constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 110617-B.
- c. **401 Cedar.** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, discarded mattresses, discarded lumber, old pallets and general household trash are on the real estate at 401 Cedar constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 110617-C.
- d. **1202 Morton.** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to, discarded furniture, discarded appliances, yard waste, scrap lumber, discarded tires and pieces of furniture are on the real estate at 1202 Morton constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 110617-D.

Mr. Boys made a motion to adopt Resolutions Numbered 110617-A through D. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **Agreed Upon Procedures Update/Report:** Interim City Administrator reported on the Agreed Upon Procedures Audit investigating allegations of impropriety and improper payments made with City funds. After consulting with the auditors, it was determined that no audit should be carried out due to the nature of the complaints. A review of the minutes and City records going back to 2005 revealed no impropriety or improper payment of City funds. There were no questions.
6. **Health Insurance for 2018:** City Clerk/Finance Director reported that the City was experiencing a 16% increase in the Blue Cross Blue Shield rates for 2016. This is the first increase the City has experienced in several years and there have been multiple years that the rates have decreased resulting in the City building up reserves due to the savings. She recommended that the cost sharing of the rates be maintained at the 83% employer share and the 17% employee share. Additionally it was recommended that two additional tiers be added to the plan to allow for employees to choose plans for the employee and children only or the employee and wife only. Mr. Boys made a motion to set the cost share for 2018 at the same rates as 2017, 83% City and 17% employee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berryman and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Boys then made a motion to approve the two additional tiers, employee/child and employee spouse. The motion was seconded by Ms. Owen and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **8th Street Project Temporary Notes:** City Attorney Robert Suelter reported that the City's financial advisor had solicited proposals for the sale of temporary notes to finance the 8th Street project. Farmers Bank and Trust was the low bidder with a 1.648% interest rate. The funds will be used to finance the 8th Street project and then will be repaid to the bank when the bonds authorized at the October 16, 2017, meeting are issued. All costs will be the responsibility of the improvement district. Mr. Boys made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 110607-E authorizing the issuance of the temporary notes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Boys then made a motion to accept the low bid from Farmers Bank and Trust with an interest rate of 1.648%. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed with all voting in favor.
8. **Airport Runway Project Update:** Airport Manager Martin Miller presented an update on the proposed runway improvements to the main runway (17/35) at the Great Bend Municipal Airport. He then presented the DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Program. He also

presented the KSIP (Kansas Airport Improvement Program) application for Great Bend. Mr. Miller also discussed the anticipated costs, the timetable for the improvements and the method of financing the City's anticipated share. After discussion, Ms. Biggs made a motion to authorize Mayor Allison to sign the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program (FY 2016-2018). The motion as seconded by Mr. Boys and passed with all voting in favor.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McPherson 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 8:24 p.m.

