

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Cody Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Councilmembers Cory Urban, Junior Welsch, Natalie Towns, Lindsey Krom-Craven, Davis Jimenez, Brock McPherson, Jolene Biggs, Kevyn Soupiset and Alan Moeder. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis and City Attorney Alan Glendenning. Absent was City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 20, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 1-3-22:** Covering 2021 bills to date in the amount of \$407,622.94.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 12-31-21:** Covering payroll ending December 25, 2021 in the amount of \$321,902.96.
- d) **Door-to-Door License:** Todd Clark with Magna Dry applied for a Door-to-Door License. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- e) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- f) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Ms. Biggs motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no visitors or announcements.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers:** City Administrator Kendal Francis recognized Councilmember Junior Welsch for his years of service.

Mr. Welsch recommended that Council take any decision on an enhanced Public Safety retirement to the public for a vote in November on which type of plan to offer. This should be up to the voters.

2. **Oath of Office:** Newly elected Councilmember Natalie Towns and re-elected Councilmembers Corey Urban, Alan Moeder and Jolene Biggs were sworn in by Mayor Cody Schmidt.
3. **Elect President of the Council:** The council president is a serving council member elected by the members of the City Council to serve in the temporary absence of the Mayor. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to name Ms. Biggs as Council President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Biggs voting no.
4. **Councilmember Reports:** Mr. Moeder spoke about his concerns with the increase in COVID numbers and suggested Council meetings should be moved back to the Events Center.
5. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization. Police Chief Steve Haulmark introduced new officer Emma Mooney. Fire Chief Luke McCormick spoke about two recent structure fires.
6. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden presented her monthly report.
7. **Public Hearing Request for 205 Frey Street:** Code Enforcement Art Keffer reported that Logan Burns, Building Official, conducted a visual inspection of a house located on the property of 205 Frey Street. During his inspection, Logan Burns noted the camper and mobile home located on this property were both considered unsafe structures due electrical issues, water line and sewer line issues and inadequate ventilation of utilities. Both the camper and mobile home had fireplaces that were unsafe. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolution Number 010322-A to set the public hearing for the property at 205 Frey. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset with all voting in favor.
8. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Art Keffer presented abatements:
 - B. **201 Plum St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: scrap metal, junk rider mower, refrigerator and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 201 Plum St. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010322-B.
 - C. **211 Pine St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: mattresses and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 211 Pine St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010322-C.
 - D. **216 Maple St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: appliances, water heater and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 216 Maple St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010322-D.
 - E. **1436 16th St:** There is a white colored Jeep on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is not in operable condition, and that said motor vehicle(s) constitute a nuisance pursuant to Section 10.20.030 of the Code

of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. located at 1436 16th St. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010322-E.

- F. 6013 Broadway Ave:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: fencing material, logs and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 6013 Broadway Ave. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010322-F.
- G. 1716 Hubbard St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: carpeting, an appliance and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 1716 Hubbard St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 010322-G.
- H. 2101 Hubbard St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: window air conditioners and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 2101 Hubbard St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010322-H.
- I. 5818 Hemlock Dr:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: a mattress and general refuse, that needs to be removed, located at 5818 Hemlock Dr. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 010322-I.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 010322B-I. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.