

City of Great Bend
February 1, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

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

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 18, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 2-1-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date in the amount of \$337,456.17.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 1-29-21:** Covering payroll ending January 23, 2021 in the amount of \$307,375.00.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt appointed Kevyn Soupiset to the Economic Development Board.
- e) **Change of Date for the Next Regular Council Meeting:** The next regular council meeting falls on Presidents Day, February 15, 2021, which is a Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- f) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There were no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The public is free to comment on items not listed on the agenda. Please address comments to the City Council as a body and be mindful of others who may also wish to speak by limiting comments to 3 minutes.

1. **Most Generous City:** Mackenzie Mitchell, Development & Communications Coordinator with the Golden Belt Community Foundation presented the Most City Generous Award and \$1000 for the Youth Academy Program to the Governing Body.

D. NEW BUSINESS

2. **Councilmember Ward 3 Appointment and Oath of Office:** The Councilmember Interview Committee recommends appointing Davis Jimenez as the 3rd Ward Councilmember Representative with the term ending January 2023. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve Davis Jimenez as the 3rd Ward Councilmember Representative with the term ending January 2023 as recommended by the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.
3. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmember Lindsey Krom-Craven announced that the Chamber Banquet is cancelled due to COVID but there will be a virtual Awards Night on February 20.
4. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
5. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden presented her monthly report. She also requested council to contribute \$5000 towards a housing study. The total cost for the study is \$10,000 but a grant has already been awarded for half the amount. Our last study was completed in 2013 and it is recommended that a housing study be completed every 3-5 years to keep current on a communities housing needs. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve contributing \$5000 towards a housing study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **Abatements:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette presented the following abatements to the Governing Body:
 - a. **324 Plum Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 324 Plum Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-A.
 - b. **418 Firethorn Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; lumber, construction debris, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 418 Firethorn Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-B.
 - c. **313 Grapevine Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; construction debris and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 313 Grapevine Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-C.
 - d. **50 Becker Court:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 50 Becker Court constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 0020121-D.
 - e. **464 Evergreen Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; lumber pile and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 464 Evergreen Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-E.

- f. **2510 11th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2510 11th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-F.
- g. **301 Hickory Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 301 Hickory Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-G.
- h. **2525 12th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2525 12th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-H.
- i. **1819 Madison Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, appliances, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1819 Madison Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-I.
- j. **2223 Adams Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a mattress, pallets, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2223 Adams Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-J.
- k. **1422 Holland Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances, construction debris, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1422 Holland Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-K.
- l. **701 Holland Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; wooden furniture and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 701 Holland Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 0020121-L.
- m. **1709 16th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; indoor furniture, appliances, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1709 16th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-M.
- n. **910 Baker Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; pallets and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 910 Baker Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-N.
- o. **1412 8th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1412 8th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-O.
- p. **2317 Kansas Avenue:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2317 Kansas Avenue constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-P.
- q. **1107 5th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1107 5th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-Q.
- r. **2213 31st Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a branch pile and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2213 31st Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-R.

- s. **2011 Hubbard Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; moving boxes and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2011 Hubbard Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-S.
- t. **2001 Holland Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, toilets, pallets, guttering material, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2001 Holland Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-T.
- u. **2006 Baker Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2006 Baker Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-U.
- v. **327 Frey Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 327 Frey Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-V.
- w. **323 Fruit Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 323 Fruit Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-W.
- x. **333 Fruit Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances, furniture, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 333 Fruit Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-X.
- y. **218 Baker Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; furniture and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 218 Baker Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-Y.
- z. **220 Heizer Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tree limbs/branches and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 220 Heizer Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-Z.
- aa. **2555 19th Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, construction debris, scrap wood and metal, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2555 19th Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-AA.
- bb. **106 Hickory Street:** There is a white Dodge automobile on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 106 Hickory Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 020121-BB.
- cc. **1614 Morton Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a branch pile, a couch and other furniture, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1614 Morton Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-CC.
- dd. **701 Hubbard Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances, tires, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 701 Hubbard Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 020121-DD.

Ms. Krom-Craven a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 020121A-DD. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsch and passed with all voting in favor.

7. Levee Repairs: City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that the Arkansas River levee west of Kiowa Road has experienced bank erosion and is in need of repair. The City has secured grant funding assistance through the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection Program. The grant will reimburse 75% of the total project costs. The project was first advertised for bid on October 5, 2020 in accordance with typical bid procedures (public notice, posting to the City's website, direct solicitation of known earthwork contractors, etc.). The first bid opening included one bidder who was significantly over the budget amount. Staff rejected the bid based on budget. Upon completion of a value engineering exercise, the project was re-advertised on December 15, 2020. However, the results were similar, and the bids were rejected due to being significantly over budget. Eakin Enterprises has approached the City with a proposal for Council consideration to complete the work within budget at a total project cost of \$138,236. However, they require a project start & completion date that falls outside of the timeframe allowed by NRCS. NRCS has approved their proposal in principle and a request for a time extension has been submitted. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the proposal from Eakin Enterprises for a project cost of \$138,236. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Moeder made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Biggs seconded this motion and passed with all voting in favor.