

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, Natalie Towns, Lindsey Krom-Craven, Davis Jimenez, Brock McPherson, Jolene Biggs, and Kevyn Soupiset. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis and City Attorney Alan Glendenning and City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer. Absent was Alan Moeder.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 7, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 2-22-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date in the amount of \$575,432.79.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 2-11-22:** Covering payroll ending February 5, 2022, in the amount of \$322,522.04.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made the following appointments:

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Quality-of-Life sales tax committee:

- Kendal Francis
- Mayor Schmidt
- Jolene Biggs
- Lindsey Krom-Craven
- Scott Keeler
- Chris Umphries.

The mayor will also appoint 6, at-large members to this committee. Anyone interested needs to contact Kendal Francis.

- e) **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 was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Kansas Wetlands Education Center Report:** Curtis Wolf, Director for the Kansas Wetlands Education Center presented the annual report for 2021.

2. Chad Burroughs addressed the Governing Body about the difficulty in recruiting new employees who are already EMT's.
3. Kevin Stansfield addressed the Governing Body about the retirement plan.

D. NEW BUSINESS

4. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.
5. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
6. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.
7. **Request for Public Hearing 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. A hearing was previously set for February 21 but the council meeting was moved to the 22nd so new notice is being given with this resolution. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to approve Resolution Number 022222-A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset with all voting in favor.
8. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Hoyt Kinsinger presented the following abatements:
 - B. **408 Hickory St:** There is a green colored Dodge Challenger and a brown colored Pontiac Firebird on the property that are either not displaying current registration, and/or are 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 408 Hickory St. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 022222-B.
 - C. **2001 Holland St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: an appliance and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 2001 Holland St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 022222-C.
 - D. **915 Stone St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: numerous wood pallets, furniture, cabinets, and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 915 Stone St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 022222-D.
 - E. **2525 16th St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: furniture, open trash bags, scattered trash waste and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 2525 16th St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 022222-E.
 - F. **1015 Holland St:** There is a blue colored Ford truck and red and white colored pickup under a tarp on the property that are either not displaying current registration, and/or are 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 1015 Holland St. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 022222-F.

- G. 1608 Broadway Ave:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: a toilet, scrap metal and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 1608 Broadway Ave. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 022222-G.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 022222B-G. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.

- 9. Phone System Upgrade:** Network Administrator James Cell reported that as we continue to upgrade technology and advancing needs within the city, we are finding our current phone system is quickly becoming outdated and unable to grow with our business. The phones itself are no longer made which requires us to either obtain refurbished phones or phones that have been sitting on the shelf for several years. Our current phone system is unable to do conferencing or voice mail forwarding without adding new cards and licensing which takes away the flexibility and availability for certain call options. It is also vulnerable to outages, so weather or node issues will disrupt service (which happens often). A cloud phone system offers many features that we are currently lacking and gives employees anytime, anywhere access via smartphone, desk phone or softphone. The City received 3 bids and the low bid was from Nex-Tech for \$66,410.40. The monthly phone service cost would increase approximately by \$345 per year. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the bid from Nex-Tech for \$66,410.40. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset with 6 voting in favor. Ms. Krom-Craven abstained from the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Biggs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Krom-Craven seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.