

City of Great Bend  
March 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 Lindsey Krom-Craven, Davis Jimenez, Jolene Biggs, Kevyn Soupiset, Cory Urban, and Alan Moeder. Absent was Councilmembers Brock McPherson and Junior Welsch. 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 March 1, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 3-1-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date in the amount of \$239,306.05.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 2-26-21:** Covering payroll ending February 20, 2021 in the amount of \$442,217.63.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- e) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder 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. **Sunflower Diversified:** Jon Prescott, Executive Director, gave an update on the Transportation Facility to the Governing Body.

#### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no councilmember reports.

3. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
4. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden presented her monthly report.
5. **Abatements:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette presented the following abatements to the Governing Body:
  - a. **1113 9<sup>th</sup> Street:** There is a white Toyota automobile on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 1113 9<sup>th</sup> Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030121-A.
  - b. **407 Grapevine Street:** There is a tan Jeep on the property that is not displaying current registration and/or is not in operable condition on real estate 407 Grapevine Street constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030121-B.
  - c. **319 Grapevine Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; construction debris and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 319 Grapevine Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030121-C.
  - d. **300 Walnut Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances that needs to be removed located at 300 Walnut Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030121-D.
  - e. **108 Maple Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a bath tub and other appliances that needs to be removed located at 108 Maple Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-E.
  - f. **1447 17<sup>th</sup> Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; office furniture, scrap metals, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1447 17<sup>th</sup> Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-F.
  - g. **1301 Hubbard Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a branch pile and general refuse that needs to be removed located 1301 Hubbard Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030121-G.
  - h. **1801 Hubbard Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, plastics barrels and hoses, toolbox compartments, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1801 Hubbard Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-H.
  - i. **2712 17<sup>th</sup> Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, appliances, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2712 17<sup>th</sup> Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030121-I.
  - j. **2710 19<sup>th</sup> Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires, a mattress, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2710 19<sup>th</sup> Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-J.
  - k. **2720 20<sup>th</sup> Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; pallets, construction material, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at

2720 20<sup>th</sup> Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-K.

- I. **210 Baker Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a branch pile, a water heater, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 210 Baker Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-L.
- m. **2516 11<sup>th</sup> Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; branch pile, tires, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 2516 11<sup>th</sup> Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-M.
- n. **1308 Morphy Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; a branch pile, construction debris, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1308 Morphy Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-N.
- o. **1320 10<sup>th</sup> Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1320 10<sup>th</sup> Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-O.
- p. **1318 Frey Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; indoor furniture, tires, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1318 Frey Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030121-P.
- q. **713 Holland Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; construction material, a sofa, tree limbs/branches, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 713 Holland Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030121-Q.
- r. **436 Cedar Street:** Trash and refuse including, but not limited to; appliances, construction material, and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 436 Cedar Street constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030121-R.

Ms. Biggs a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 030121A-R. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with all voting in favor.

6. **CDBG Award:** City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that the City was recently notified by Department of Commerce that we were awarded a \$600,000 community development block grant (CDBG) to help fund improvements to an approximately 13 block section of Broadway between Polk & Morton Streets and the reconstruction of the intersection at 19<sup>th</sup> & Harrison. The grant does require a local match for the project which is projected to be \$692,800. However, we anticipate the actual amount being less as city staff will handle construction inspections. Ms. Biggs made a motion authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement accepting the grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **Turf Project:** City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that at the February 16<sup>th</sup> work session, the city council heard a presentation regarding a collaboration between the City, USD 428 & Great Bend Recreation Commission to install artificial turf on the infields & bullpens of the 4 sports complex fields & Langrehr field. Following discussion, the council gave its consensus to move forward with the project. We had proposed using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement through Greenbush Educational Service Center's purchasing cooperative. However, we have received substantial interest from local contractors and vendors state-wide. Therefore, we have decided to officially bid

the project. Final bids will be authorized at the April 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The budget estimate for the project is \$1.59 million. Based on that estimate, the Great Bend Recreation Commission has voted to approve \$200,000 for the initial installation and yearly turf maintenance. USD 428 has proposed providing \$280,000 towards the project. The school board will make a final decision at their March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those numbers may be reduced based on final bid. Mr. Urban made a motion to authorize the project in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,589,440, contingent on USD 428 approving their portion of the funding and the contingent on Great Bend Recreation approving the selected vendor for their portion of the annual maintenance cost. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.

- 8. Request for Executive Session:** Mr. Moeder made a motion to recess into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), consultation with an attorney for the body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the regular meeting to resume in the City Council Chambers at 7:37pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed with all voting in favor. At 7:37 pm, Mr. Soupiset made a motion to resume the regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Biggs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Moeder seconded this motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.