

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, Alan Moeder and Kevyn Soupiset. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis and City Attorney Alan Glendenning and City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 22, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 3-7-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date in the amount of \$247,797.79.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 2-25-22:** Covering payroll ending February 19, 2022, in the amount of \$420,951.40.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt appointed, through a random online drawing, the following at large people to the Quality-of-Life Committee: Bruce Swob, Sharon King, Debbie Munz, Stephen Patton, Curtis Arnberger and Kate Wary. The following people were chosen as alternates: Randy Goering and Kayleen Weber.
- 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 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. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden presented her monthly report.

4. Abatements: Code Enforcement Art Keffer presented the following abatements:

- A. 300 Elm St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: construction and fencing material and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 300 Elm St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030722-A
- B. 1443 Lakin Ave:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: indoor chairs, cardboard, wood and lumber and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 1443 Lakin Ave. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030722-B.
- C. 1701 Morton St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: pallets and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 1701 Morton St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030722-C
- D. 1911 Jackson St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: screen door, table, black colored vehicle door and general refuse that needs to be removed, located at 1911 Jackson St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 030722-D.
- E. 808 Stone St:** There is a sand buggy type vehicle on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is not inoperable 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 808 Stone St. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 030722-E.

Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 030722A-E. The motion was seconded by Ms. Towns and passed by a vote of 7-1, with Mr. Moeder voting no.

5. Water Department Skid Steer: Public Works Director Jason Cauley reported that the department is looking to replace our 1996 Gehl Skid Steer with 2230 hours. We have received 3 bids from KanEquip, White Star, and John Deere. John Deere is the local bid and is within 5%, yet the White Star bid is the lowest bid at \$54,044.06. Public Works already has 2 Bobcat skid steers from White Star with attachments that can be shared across the departments, thus producing savings for future purchases. All bidders have given us trade-in values, but White Star gave the largest trade-in value at \$10,500 for our current skid steer. Expected delivery time is approximately 6 to 9 months. Funding for this is coming from money set aside through the capital outlay and 2021-year end transfers. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve the bid for a skid steer from White Star for \$54,044.06. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs with all voting in favor.

6. Water Department Backhoe: Public Works Director Jason Cauley reported that the department is looking to replace our 2002 John Deere 310 SG with 3992 hours. We have received 3 bids from KanEquip, Foley, and John Deere. John Deere is the preferred bid with a purchase price of \$101,772.00. The Caterpillar bid, though lower, is for a smaller machine than the one we currently own. Cat does not make a machine comparable to ours. With the smaller machine it is not able to support or carry the weight that is needed for our work. All dealers have given us \$20,000 for trade-in value for our current tractor. The trade-in value is contingent on the condition of the tractor at time of delivery of the new backhoe and not to exceed 600 hours of additional use. Expected delivery time is approximately 6 to 9 months. Funding for this is coming from money set aside through the capital outlay and 2021-year end transfers. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to approve the bid for a backhoe from John Deere for

\$101,772.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.

- 7. Fee Schedule:** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that administration and departments of the city proposed moving most of the city's fees and charges into a master Fee schedule resolution that would put the fees on one place and subject to amendment by resolution. Ordinance 4382 creates a new code section that authorizes the setting of fees by a Master Fee Schedule resolution. This ordinance needs past first. At the next meeting, the resolution can be passed setting the new fees and then Ordinance 4383 can be passed, which removes fees now set out in the code and amends the code sections to state that the fees are set by the Master Fee Schedule Resolution. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 4382, establishing a master fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with all voting in favor.

- 8. Public Safety Retirement:** Mayor Schmidt reported that the citizens recently approved a .20% sales tax increase to fund improvements to the retirement for uniformed police and fire personnel. Three options have been presented for consideration: Kansas Police and Fire (KP&F), enhance current Mission Square Money Purchase Plan, or create new Mission Square Profit-Sharing Plan. If the council selects option 1 (KP&F), the attached resolution to affiliate with KP&F will need to be passed. If either option 2 or 3 are selected, then further discussion and a subsequent vote will need to occur to finalize the plan details. Mayor Schmidt noted that he would like to develop a committee of council members and staff to iron out the details. Mayor Schmidt asked if there was a motion to pass Resolution 030722-F, to affiliate with the KP&F. No motion was given. Mayor Schmidt then asked if there was a motion to enhance our current Mission Square Money Purchase plan. No motion was given. Mayor Schmidt then asked if there was a motion to start a new Mission Square Profit-Sharing plan. Mr. Moeder made the motion to start a new Mission Square Profit-Sharing plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Biggs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.