

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 presents: Councilmembers, Alan Moeder, Cory Urban, Kevyn Soupiset, Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez and Lindsey Krom-Craven. Absent were councilmember Brock McPherson and Natalie Towns. Also in attendance were Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns, City Attorney Allen Glendenning, and City Clerk Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Special Session held on May 1, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 5-15-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date in the amount of \$1,215,192.53.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 5-5-23:** Covering payroll ending April 29, 2023, in the amount of \$401,735.89.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt appointed Adam Sciacca to the BOCTEA Board.
- e) **Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License:** Greg King with the Sunflower Shrine Club has applied for a 1-day Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Beer Garden during June Jaunt on June 3, 2023 in Jack Kilby Square. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- f) **The Great Race Permissions:** Grant permission to close the parking lot just East of the Waterpark and Brit Spaugh Park on June 30th, 2023, from 7am to 4:30pm to host The Great Race. Grant permission to allow ATVs and golf carts in the park for the time of the event. Authorize Zoo Staff to provide animal encounters to The Great Race participants during the hour they are at the park.
- g) **Agenda:** Mayor Schmidt amended the agenda to remove the executive session.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kathryn Schaffner addressed the Governing Body about the ordinance referencing chickens and how unclear the ordinance is written. Other citizens voiced their opinion supporting chickens in city limits. Councilmember Biggs stated she has received many calls from residents who are not in favor of chickens in city limits. Ms. Biggs asked Alan Glendenning, City Attorney, to prepare an ordinance to not allow chickens in the city

limits. Mr. Moeder said he would like to see ordinances from other cities who allow chickens.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no Councilmember reports.
2. **Interim Administrators Update:** Interim City Administrator Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Hoyt Kinsinger presented the following abatements:
 - A. **1202 Morphy St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: There are cans on the ground, not in sealed containers, there are pallets, furniture, and other trash on the north side of the property and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 1202 Morphy St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-A.
 - B. **2402 24th St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: There is a stack of pallets on the north side of the property and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 2402 24th St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-B.
 - C. **321 Fruit St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: There is cement, lumber, and a tree limbs located on the west side of this property and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 321 Fruit St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-C.
 - D. **2013 Hubbard St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: There are trash bags and a brush pile located on the west side of this property and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 2013 Hubbard St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-D.
 - E. **819 Adams St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: There is several different types of trash on all sides of the property including chunks of rock or cement, aluminum cans, debris, tires, a camper topper, and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Great Bend, Kansas. This real estate is located at 819 Adams St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-E.
 - F. **1400 12th St:** There is a tan colored van 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. This motor vehicle is located at 1400 12th St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-F.
 - G. **2541 7th St:** There is a gray and black colored passenger car 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. This motor vehicle is located at 2541 7th St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-G.

- H. **2527 7th St:** There is a green colored pickup 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. This motor vehicle is located at 2527 7th St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-H.
- I. **442 Dogwood St:** There is a white and blue colored pickup 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. This motor vehicle is located at 442 Dogwood St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-I.
- J. **228 Maple St:** There is a gray colored step side pickup 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. This motor vehicle is located at 228 Maple St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-J.
- K. **301 3rd St:** There is a dark blue colored SUV 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. This motor vehicle is located at 301 3rd St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-K.
- L. **1309 Hubbard St:** There is a red colored SUV 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. This motor vehicle is located at 1309 Hubbard St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 051523-L.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolutions 051523A-L. Ms. Krom-Craven seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

- 5. **2022 Audit Report:** Sean Gordon with Gordon CPA presented the 2022 audit report. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve the 2022 annual audit report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.
- 6. **Incentive for Returning Lead and Copper Questionnaire:** Public Works Director Jason Cauley reported that after discussion at the work session for the lead and copper rule revision a questionnaire was developed to be sent off to residents to help with the completion of the lead and copper survey. As an incentive we are suggesting that we give a \$25 credit on the utility bill to those that take the time to fill out the questionnaire and return it completed fully. We will have the questionnaire available online as well as mailing it out to all active accounts. Only those accounts that are active would receive the credit. Questionnaires will need to be returned to the City by August 31st and any received after that date will not receive the credit. Mr. Moeder said he was originally against this idea but after Mr. Burns explained to him the cost would be much higher if city employees have to do the work. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve a \$25 credit on citizens utility bill for the completion of the lead and copper questionnaire and returned to the city by August 31st, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.

- 7. Conditional Use Permit for a RV Park:** Interim City Administrator Logan Burns reported that Kyle Walter has applied for a conditional use permit to allow for the operation of an RV park in a C-2 zone located at 833 10th Street. The Planning Commission considered the matter at its April 24, 2023, meeting and recommended approval. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to adopt the findings of fact prepared by City staff and recommend for approval by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Soupiset then made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 051523-M, for a conditional use permit for a RV park on 833 10th Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.
- 8. Signs, Awnings, Canopies, and Marquees Ordinance:** Interim City Administrator Logan Burns reported that the existing ordinances were spread out between chapters 12 and 15 as well as the Zoning Regulations. This is an effort to consolidate all information regarding signs and adding definitions and language to come up to date on our regulations. There are no major changes to this ordinance that would affect business owners. Mr. Urban made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 4406, regulating signs, awnings, canopies, and marquees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.
- 9. Fences, Walls, and Hedges Ordinance:** Interim City Administrator Logan Burns reported that the existing ordinance has been untouched for many years, and this is an effort to bring the information up to date. The information went through the April 24, 2023, Planning Commission for informative purposes and though it did not require a motion from the Planning Commission, they were in favor of the changes. The biggest changes in the ordinance concern the language in the front yard for corner lots where fences would now be allowed to come out to and along the non-address property line. We also added language for double frontage lots where we currently have fences in town and are not address as well as in preparation for Amber Meadows to be developed along 24th Street. The remaining information in the ordinance was cleaned up for language and references that do not exist anymore. Ms. Biggs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 4407, regulating fences, walls, and hedges. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.
- 10. Gym Membership Discussion:** Human Resource Director Randy Keasling reported that at the May 1, 2023, council meeting, councilmember Urban requested that gym memberships be brought back for discussion. Mr. Keasling presented two options; do nothing and let staff work directly with the gyms or offer payroll deduction to 1 gym in town with changes being made at only at open enrollment. A new hire would be able to join at the time of hire. After much discussion, Mr. Soupiset made a motion to move forward with offering payroll deduction for Club 1 memberships to staff who can enroll as a new hire or at the City's annual open enrollment in October with a January 1 effective date, as well as making staff aware of what other gym facilities in the area have to offer City employees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed with all voting in favor.

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 7:28 p.m.

