

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 was 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 June 5, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 6-19-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date in the amount of \$240,497.08.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 6-16-23:** Covering payroll ending June 10, 2023, in the amount of \$543,825.29.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- e) **9/11 Parade Street Closure:** Close Main Street from 24th Street to 12th Street during the 9/11 Parade on September 9, 2023, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm or until the end of the parade.
- f) **Beer Permission:** Permission to allow cereal malt beverages (cans only) in Jack Kilby Square from 5:00pm to Midnight on September 9, 2023.
- g) **Jack Kilby Square Curfew Extension:** Authorize people to be in Jack Kilby Square past Midnight on September 9, 2023, for the cleanup of the event.
- h) **150th Celebration of UMC on Forest Avenue:** Permission to close Stone Street on Sunday, June 25th, 2023, from Lakin Avenue to Forest Avenue from 10am to 2pm for their 150th Celebration.
- i) **Annual Business Licenses Renewal:** Attached is a listing of the business licenses that are up for renewal that have submitted their application. All requirements of the ordinances have been met and approval is recommended.
- j) **Agenda:** Mayor Schmidt amended the agenda to add an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. This will take place before the attorney-client privilege executive session.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Alan 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 Schafner and Sara Williams addressed the Council about backyard chickens.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmember Krom-Craven voiced her issues with information being posted on the Great Bend City Council FaceBook page that the council is not aware of. They end up getting calls and emails and have no clue what the citizens are talking about. She also has an issue with charging \$150 for barricades for the block parties that is non-refundable.
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. **204 Elm St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: lumber, construction material and other refuse 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 204 Elm St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 061923-A.
 - B. **913 Jefferson St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: lumber, trash and debris from a fire and other refuse 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 913 Jefferson St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 061923-B.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolutions 061923A-B. Ms. Krom-Craven seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **Lease of Expo I and II to the Barton County Fair Board:** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that the Fair Board presently leases Expo III from the city and has indicated that it is willing to take over the operation and maintenance of Expo I and II under a lease with the city. The payment will be \$1 per year but all maintenance (not major repairs) are the responsibility of the Fair Board. The term of the lease is for 20 years but can be terminated upon 180 days' notice and expressly gives the city the right to include the property in any STAR bond or similar projects that might become available to the city. This lease also gives the city the right to rent the facilities for up to 5 of its own events each year at ½ the cost charged to other renters. Mr. Urban made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease with the Barton County Fair Board for Expo I and II. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **AMI Change Order:** Public Works Director Jason Cauley reported that we are coming to the Council to request a change order for additional parts to finish the AMI project. We have consulted with the subcontractor after a hard count of what is left to finish the

project. We need 237 retrofits for 1" SRII meters and the corresponding MIUs (antennas) for a total cost of \$31,995.00. The money will come from our equipment maintenance budget. Depending on the speed of shipping we are still hoping to have the project finished by July 3rd. If there is a delay, we will deal with it as needed to extend the contract date. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the change order for additional parts from Zenner for \$31,995. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with all voting in favor.

- 7. Splash Pad Design & Construction:** Interim City Administrator Logan Burns reported that through the Quality-of-Life initiative, staff has been working with Athco LLC for the design and construction of a new splash pad north of the bathrooms at Vet's Park. This would be a turnkey operation for the design and construction as Athco provides all features for the splash pad include all site prep and layout, under drain stubbed out 5' from pad, construct the cast-in-place concrete slab, operation instructions. Full summary of work is included. The proposed size of splash pad is 50'-10" x 70'-10" which includes a 5' concrete apron around the perimeter and with a total splash pad area of 2,484 SF. The total feature flow rate is 361 GPM and comes with a 3,000-gallon prefabricated storage tank to recycle the water. There will be an equipment enclosure that is included that will be in the immediate vicinity of the splash pad which includes all pump features and chemical enclosures. Utilities for water, sewer and electricity are in the immediate vicinity and will be hooked in conjunction with the project by others. Proposed color palette can be changed to a custom color chosen by the city. The cost for this proposal is \$680,000.00. This bid does not include shade structures or benches. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion to approve the bid from Athco LLC for the design and construction of a splash pad for \$680,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimenez and passed with all voting in favor.
- 8. Executive Session:** An executive session has been requested to discuss the non-elected personnel. The executive session shall include the Governing Body, the Interim City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Ms. Biggs made a motion to recess into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for the review of applicants for Fire Chief under KSA 75-4319(b)(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor. Council resumed regular session at 7:24p.m. Mayor Schmidt announced that he would like a motion to appoint Brent Smith as the new Fire Chief. Mr. Moeder made a motion to appoint Brent Smith as Fire Chief. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed with all voting in favor.
- 9. Executive Session:** An executive session has been requested to discuss information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relation. The executive session shall include the Governing Body, the Interim City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Ms. Biggs made a motion to recess into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to seek legal advice for pending legal matters 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. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with all voting in favor. The regular meeting resumed at 7:35p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Biggs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.