

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

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on June 6, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 6-20-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date in the amount of \$412,740.30.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 6-17-22:** Covering payroll ending June 11, 2022, in the amount of \$469,379.05.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- e) **Change of Date for the Next Regular Council Meeting:** The next regular council meeting falls on July 4, 2022, which is Independence Day Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
- f) **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.
- g) **Batcats Fireworks Show:** Authorize the fireworks display at the Great Bend Bat Cats home game on July 2, 2022. If cancelled due to weather and alternate date would be July 9, 2022.
- h) **Agenda:** Mayor Schimdt amended the agenda to add item g) the Batcats Fireworks Show under the consent agenda.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Biggs seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Julie Stuhlsats with VMB Development addressed the governing body about funding her business with ARPA funds. She helps children with redevelop, build & strengthen neurological connections to develop better integration between them mind, eyes & body

to connect & enable them to work together effectively. Council agreed that this was not something they thought ARPA funds should be used for.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Councilmember Reports:** Councilmember Krom-Craven reported that she has been asked by citizens why so many individuals filed to run for county commission and not for city council. They thought the reason why was because the commission gets paid and receives health insurance. She suggested that maybe the city should look into offering low-cost incentives for residents who serve on the council, like a swim pass or be added to the club 1 membership. Mayor Schmidt suggested that councilmember Krom-Craven meet with him and City Administrator Kendal Francis for discussion.
- 2. Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis 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. Great Bend Alive, Inc:** Sara Hayden with Great Bend Alive, Inc asked for permission to have a mural painted in the alleyway that is designated for GB Alive between Forest and Lakin. There are also potholes that would need to be patched and L&M Contractors has agreed to take care of those for us and will be paid for by sponsorships and donations. Ms. Krom-Craven mentioned that the artwork looks beautiful but what happens when cars start driving over it. Ms. Hayden replied that the paint is rated for cars to drive over but would need to be refreshed ever 3-4 years and GB Alive would take care of that maintenance. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve L&M Contractors to fill the potholes. Mr. Soupiset seconded this motion and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. McPherson voting no. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the paintwork in the alleyway. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
- 5. Unsafe & Dangerous Structure – 814 Monroe:** City Attorney Allen Glendenning and Building Official Logan Burns reported that on May 2, 2022, the governing body adopted a resolution setting a hearing for this meeting to determine if the structure is an unsafe and dangerous structure. Proper notice has been given. The owner addressed the governing body and stated t that he plans to tear down the structure this week, but he had just found out that the property had been rezoned back in 2004 for commercial purposes only. He would like to have it rezoned back to residential so that he can build a home on the property. Ms. Krom-Craven made motion to approve Resolution Number 062022-A, finding that the house at 814 Monroe to be an unsafe and dangerous structure. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed with all voting in favor.
- 6. Abatements:** Hoyt Kinsinger presented the following abatements:
 - B. 215 Becker Ct.:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: tires and general 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 215 Becker Ct. and is the subject of Resolution Number 062022-B.

- C. **328 Fruit St:** There is a blue truck on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is 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. This motor vehicle is located at 328 Fruit St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 062022-C.
- D. **2521 12th St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: tree trunk and general 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 2521 12th St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 062022-D.
- E. **803 Madison St:** There is a red vehicle on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is 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. This motor vehicle is located at 803 Madison St. and is the subject of Resolution 062022-E.
- F. **1918 Jackson St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: large tire and general 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 1918 Jackson St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 062022-F.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 062022B-F. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.

- 7. **Great Bend Police Station Right-of-Way Vacation Request:** Building Official Logan Burns reported that GLMV Architecture has requested to vacate 25 feet of the western right-of-way of Baker Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets, and to vacate 18 feet of the northern right-of-way of 11th Street, along 1121 Baker Avenue. This vacation request is being made to provide an adequate site area for the proposed Great Bend Police Station after the proposed project did not fit within the legal boundaries of the existing site. This will allow the existing site to be expanded to fit the site layout previously approved by City Council. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4391, vacating street right-of-way in a portion of Baker Avenue and a portion of 11th Street. 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. Ms. Krom-Craven seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.