

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 Alan Moeder, Jolene Biggs, Lindsey Krom-Craven, Brock McPherson, Natalie Towns, and Cory Urban. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis, City Attorney Allen Glendenning, and City Clerk Shawna Schafer. Absent were councilmembers Kevyn Soupiset and Davis Jimenez.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on July 18, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 8-1-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date in the amount of \$1,440,462.06.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 7-29-22:** Covering payroll ending July 23, 2022, in the amount of \$346,838.66.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- e) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the amended 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: 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 Hoyt Kinsinger presented the following abatements:

- A. 200 Pine St:** There is a disabled motorhome 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 200 Pine St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 080122-A.
- B. 2310 8th St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: a tires, pallets, 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 2310 8th St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 080122-B.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve resolutions 080122A-B. Ms. Krom-Craven seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

5. City Owned Parking Lot: Joe Andrasek addressed the Governing Body about purchasing or leasing the city owned parking lot located on Williams between 11th and 12th Street behind Charlies. The members were open to a lease with no payment but he would maintain the property to a certain extent. Council asked City Attorney Allen Glendenning to draft a lease agreement for the City owned parking lot and Joe Andrasek and they will review it and make a determination about moving forward.

6. Moderate Income Housing Grant: Economic Development Director Sara Hayden reported that GBED is proposing that the city apply for the Moderate-Income Housing grant on behalf of GBED. This grant does not require the city to put in any additional funds to see the project through. GBED is proposing that the city apply for these funds and allow them to be used towards the building of affordable housing in the Zarah Mall building downtown. We selected this building because of the number of units that will be able to be constructed. The purpose of this grant is to put more funds into a housing project to allow the owner to then rent the units for a lesser amount. GBED recognizes this grant as an opportunity to welcome more funds into our community to contribute to our housing obstacles and allow for nicer housing options to be available at an affordable cost. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve Resolution Number 080122-C, indicating the Governing Body's support for the submission of the Moderate-Income Housing Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed with all voting in favor.

7. Applications for Airport Property Tax Exemption: Airport Manager Martin Miller reported that the City-owned aircraft hangars at the airport are essential to the operation of the airport. Under Kansas Statute 79-201q(attached), all such property is exempt from all property or ad valorem taxes. Two of the city-owned hangars are currently assessed property taxes. Ms. Biggs made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute property tax exempt requests, under K.S.A. 79-213, for the hangars located at 545 D Street and 9030 – 4th Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed by a vote of 5-1 ,with Mr. McPherson voting against.

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 7:09 pm.