

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the remodeled southwest room of the Events Center. Mayor Cody Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Councilmembers Junior Welsch, Kevyn Soupiset, Lindsey Krom-Craven, Davis Jimenez, Cory Urban, Alan Moeder, and Brock McPherson. Also in attendance were City Administrator Kendal Francis, City Attorney Robert Suelter and City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer. Absent was Jolene Biggs.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on August 2, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 8-16-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date in the amount of \$219,392.33.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 8-13-21:** Covering payroll ending August 7, 2021, in the amount of \$378,654.21.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt appointed Julie Peterson to the G.B. Public Library Board.
- e) **Street Closure:** Close Main Street from 19th Street to Lakin Avenue from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on October 1, 2021, for the Great Bend High School Homecoming Parade.
- f) **Change of Date for the Next Regular Council Meeting:** The next regular council meeting falls on Labor Day which is a Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- g) **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.

The public is free to comment on items not listed on the agenda. Please address comments to the City Council as a body and be mindful of others who may also wish to speak by limiting comments to 3 minutes.

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. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Doug Disque presented abatements.

- A. **1419 9th St:** There is a tractor/loader on this property not in operable condition located at 1419 9th St constituting a motor vehicle nuisance. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 081621-A.
- B. **319 Grapevine:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: an appliance and general refuse, located at 319 Grapevine constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 081621-B.
- C. **1019 Frey St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: tires and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1019 Frey St constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is subject of Resolution Number 081621-C.
- D. **1401 Cherry Lane:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: pallets and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1401 Cherry Lane constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 081621-D.
- E. **1424 10th St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: construction debris and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1424 10th St. constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 081621-E.
- F. **1701 Hubbard:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to appliances and general refuse that needs to: be removed located at 1701 Hubbard constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 081621-F.
- G. **1719 Holland St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: cabinets, branch pile and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1719 Holland St constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 081621-G.
- H. **1816 Holland St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: indoor furniture and general refuse that needs to be removed located at 1816 Holland St constituting an unlawful accumulation. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 081621-H.

407 McKinley was also on the list for abatement for unlawful accumulation. The property owner addressed the Governing Body stating these pallets has always been on his business property as they are used to shipping of the manufactured goods. The Governing Body asked for the property to be removed from the abatements and asked the business owner to organize the pallets.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 081621A-H. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsch and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **Neighborhood Revitalization Plan:** City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that in our joint meeting with the county commission in March, we had initial discussions about creating a county-wide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Since that time, staff from all cities in Barton County have been working with the County to formulate that plan, with

the goal of making it as uniform as possible, but still serving the individual needs of each entity. As proposed, it will be a 10-year plan, Great Bend's 2 targeted areas will remain, and there will be new eligibility criteria which is \$10,000 increase in property valuation for residential properties and \$20,000 for commercial properties. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset with all voting in favor

- 6. US-56 Cost Share Change Order:** City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that the City requested changes to the recent US-56 Improvements project to include adding additional rebar and dowels to the concrete base repairs and the repair and relocation of several storm inlets. The changes resulted in a net project cost increase of \$86,963.15. Those costs fall within the approved Cost Share grant budget. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the change order with Venture Corporation in the amount of \$86,963.15. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven with all voting in favor
- 7. Police Station Architectural Agreement:** City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that the city recently released a Request for Qualifications for design of a new police station. We received 9 submittals. A committee reviewed and ranked the submittals and conducted in-person interviews with the top 3 firms. GLMV Architecture was unanimously selected. They were very highly recommended by multiple contractors and customers. Additionally, they have a solid history of work both in the community and for the City itself. Staff recommends entering into an agreement with GLMV for design of the new police station for the base price of \$477,500, plus \$21,000 for the agreed upon additional services as spelled out in Section 4.1 Supplemental Services, for a total cost of \$498,500. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the architectural agreement with GLMV for a total cost of \$498,500 for the design of a new police station. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Ms. Krom-Craven voting against
- 8. Sales Tax Resolutions:** City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that at the August 2nd work session, the city council reached a consensus to add three (3) separate sales tax questions to the November General Election ballot; Question 1: .10% Debt Service construction of a new police station with a 20-year sunset. Question 2: .15% Quality of Life improvements with no sunset. Questions 3: .20% pension for public safety employees with no sunset. The Council will need to decide if they want the retirement sales tax to be utilized only for KP&F or if they would prefer flexibility to augment our current plan. Ms. Krom-Craven made a motion for the resolution to have the option to augment our current plan as this will give the council additional time to research and understand the Kansas Police & Fire Retirement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moeder and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Welsch voting against. Ms. Krom-Craven then made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 081621-1, authorizing the calling of a special questions election on separate sales tax questions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimenez and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Welsch voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moeder made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Krom-Craven seconded the motion and it passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.