

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

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on September 6, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 9-19-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date in the amount of \$188,637.23.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 9-9-22:** Covering payroll ending September 3, 2022, in the amount of \$352,405.43.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- e) **Homecoming Parade Street Closure:** Close Main Street from 19th Street to Lakin Avenue from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on October 7, 2022, for the Great Bend High School Homecoming Parade.
- f) **2-Day CMB License:** Chad Ehrlich has applied for a 2-day CMB license for the Car Auction at the Expo Grounds on September 30, 2022, and October 1st, 2022. Application has been received along with payment and a copy of the insurance.
- g) **Home for the Holiday Street Closures:** Close Main Street from 24th Street to 12th Street during the parade from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm on November 26th, 2022. Keep Main Street closed from Broadway Avenue to 12th Street for an additional 2 hours after the parade to allow for activities. Close Lakin Avenue between Kansas Avenue to Main Street from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and parking on the north side of Lakin Avenue from noon to 9:00 pm on November 26th, 2022.
- h) **Street Closure:** Close Forest Avenue from Main Street to Williams Street on October 15, 2022, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Flatlander Half Marathon.
- i) **Agenda:** Mayor Schmidt amended the agenda to remove item #6, the parking lot lease with Poor Boy Properties, LLC.

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. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Hoyt Kinsinger presented the following abatements:
 - A. **201 Chestnut St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: a stack of tires 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 201 Chestnut St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 091922-A.
 - B. **1421 8th:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: tires on 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 1421 8th. and is the subject of Resolution 091922-B.
 - C. **226 Fruit St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: accumulation of filled trash bags 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 226 Fruit St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 091922-C.
 - D. **323 Frey St:** There is a gold-colored sedan 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 vehicle is located at 323 Frey St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 091922-D.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve resolutions 091922A-D. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **2023 Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Rates:** Human Resources Director Randy Keasling reported that at the July budget work session, City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that we were expecting a double digit increase in our 2023 premiums. The city has been presented with an approximately 28% increase due to high utilization. We budgeted 7% increase to health insurance premiums to minimize the burden on to the employees. Our reserve funds are strong, but this will most likely impact them and will force a significantly larger contribution in 2024. It was the consensus among council that the City should shop around to stay competitive. Ms. Biggs made a motion to put the City's health insurance out to bid. The motion was seconded by Ms. Krom-Craven and passed by a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Urban abstaining.

- 6. Conditional Use Permit for Air BNB:** Building Official Logan Burns reported that Sharon and Leon Alexander & Michelle Abedi have applied for a conditional use permit to allow for the operation of an Air BNB in an R-1 zone located at 2107 27th Street. The Planning Commission considered the matter at its August 29, 2022, meeting and recommended approval. Mr. Moeder made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact prepared by City Staff and approved by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Moeder then made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 091922-E, issuing a conditional use permit for an Air BNB. The motion was seconded by Mr. Urban and passed with all voting in favor.

- 7. Proposed Lease of Building at Airport:** Airport Manager Martin Miller reported that the storage building at 731 Ave B. has not been leased for several years. Tony's Aerial Spraying, Inc. has requested a lease for the storage of associated equipment for \$1,800.00 per year. Mr. McPherson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed building lease at 731 Avenue B for \$1,800.00 per year. 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. Mr. Urban seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.