

## 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 Rickee Maddox, Alan Moeder, Cory Urban, Kevyn Soupiset Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez and Natalie Towns. Absent was councilmember Lindsey Krom-Craven. Also in attendance were City Administrator Brandon Anderson, 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 Regular Session held on October 2, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 10-16-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date in the amount of \$454,023.00.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 10-6-23:** Covering payroll ending September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$419,136.92.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made the following appointments:
  - Randy Bombardier to the Tree Board
  - Reappointed Judge Hannalore Kitts to 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Central Kansas Community Corrections Advisory Board.
- e) **Tree Trimmers License:** Keylin Phelps, DBA Phelps Tree Service, out of Great Bend, Kansas has applied for a tree trimmers license. All requirements of the ordinance have been completed and recommend approval.
- f) **Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License:** N-Stant Convenience has reapplied for a CMB license due to change in management. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- g) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

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

**B. OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

#### C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Terri Bahr addressed the Governing Body about short-term rentals.
- Marci Fross addressed the Governing Body about the important roll of the SRCA in Great Bend.

- Jared Chansler addressed the Governing Body about the short-term rental ordinance.

## D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no Councilmember reports.
2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Brandon Anderson presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **Abatements:** Property Maintenance Logan Burns presented abatements.
  - A. **321 Fruit St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: 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 321 Fruit St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 101623-A.
  - B. **1622 19<sup>th</sup> St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: furniture 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 1622 19<sup>th</sup> St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 101623-B.
  - C. **317 Walnut St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including, but not limited to: transmission to a vehicle 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 317 Walnut St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 101623-C.

Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve Resolutions 101623-A-C. Ms. Biggs seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

4. **Health Insurance:** City Administrator Brandon Anderson reported that the City has been working with Gallagher/Freedom Claims this year to review our health plan. They are still waiting to hear back on final rates from Freedom Claims Management Stop Loss carrier and they are also still negotiating with BCBS on rates. We are planning on bringing back the health insurance carrier at the November 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting. We would like to approve the health insurance rates for the employee and city share. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the group health insurance rates for 2024 with a 10% increase over the 2023 rates. Mr. Urban seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
5. **Dental Insurance:** City Administrator Brandon Anderson reported that the City currently offers group dental insurance with Delta Dental. Several large dental offices in Great Bend no longer accept Delta, which causes increased out-of-pocket expenses for our staff. Gallagher has presented two different renewal options which are attached. A plan with FCMI would be an “open network” plan which would allow our staff to see virtually any dental provider and the services would be covered under the terms of our

plan. BCBS of Kansas has presented a plan which is a “closed network” but the two large dental offices here in Great Bend that do not accept Delta Dental do accept BCBS Dental insurance, therefore the coverage issue would not be a problem any longer. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the Freedom Claims dental bid for group dental coverage for 2024. 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. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56p.m.