

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, Alan Moeder, Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez, Gary Parr and Tina Mingenback. Absent was councilmembers Rickee Maddox, Kevyn Soupiset, and Cory Urban. Also in attendance were City Administrator Logan Burns, City Attorney Allen Glendenning and Finance Director/City Clerk Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 6, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 10-20-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date in the amount of \$336,136.62.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 10-3-25:** Covering payroll ending September 27, 2025, in the amount of \$434,619.88.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- e) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Mingenback 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:** Councilman Parr requested review of the salary dollars allocated for the Assistant City Administrator position and to use those dollars for better payroll for Police and Fire and to help attract new employees. Mayor Schmidt said that if this was something Council wanted to look into, they could schedule a work session at a future date.
2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **Abatements:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented abatements.

- A. 1516 2nd:** There is trash and refuse on the property including but not limited to: The brush pile on the east side off the property needs to be removed, and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Great Bend Code. This real estate is located at 1516 2nd and is the subject of Resolution Number 102025-A.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolution 102025-A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parr and passed with all voting in favor.

- 4. Dry Lake Temporary Premise Extension:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that Dry Lake Brewery has requested a temporary extension of premise on November 1, 2025, to host a Halloween party. The event will include food trucks and Pumpkin Smash. The consumption of alcohol is planned in the proposed space. The brewery is working with the State Alcoholic Beverage Control to obtain proper permits for this activity. In order to allow consumption of alcohol on public property, Ordinance 4463 must be passed to exempt the public property from state statute. In addition, the council will need to separately vote to close the alley and portion of the parking lot for the same time period. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 4463, allowing consumption of alcohol on public property. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Parr made a motion to close the alley from Lakin Avenue to Forest and closure of parking stalls on city-owned parking lot at Lakin and Williams on November 1, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
- 5. Lofts at the Zarah – Extension of Completion Date:** Justin Pregont with Pomeroy Development reported that due to a combination of unforeseen circumstances and factors outside of our control, additional time is required to complete the construction of the Lofts at the Zarah project. These factors include design modifications based on existing site conditions, material delivery delays, and subcontractor scheduling challenges. In addition, coordination with utility providers and design clarifications have contributed to minor interruptions in the construction schedule. Despite these challenges, our team is making continuous progress and delivering a project with excellent craftsmanship and care. This time extension will help ensure that all work is completed safely, efficiently, and in accordance with project specifications and grant requirements. We've submitted monthly and quarterly reports to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation on time throughout the project design and construction process to date and they've agreed to extend the completion date to June 30, 2026. With the blessing of the City of Great Bend we can extend until that date and look forward to completing construction of Lofts at the Zarah in the spring of 2026. Ms. Mingenback made a motion to approve extending the construction completion date to June 30, 2026, per the MIH-ARPA Second Agreement. Ms. Biggs seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Biggs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mingenback and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.