

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, Gary Parr. Absent was councilmember Tina Mingenback. 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 June 2, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 6-16-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date in the amount of \$977,181.45.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 6/13-25:** Covering payroll ending June 7, 2025, in the amount of \$462,517.78.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made no appointments.
- e) **Annual Business Licenses Renewal:** Approval of business licenses that are up for renewal that have submitted their application. All requirements of the ordinances have been met.
- f) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Biggs 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:** Councilmember Gary Parr asked about the Assistant City Administrator position and why we advertised, took applications and interviewed and landed on no one. Mr. Parr asked why we take applications for the City Administrator position as well. He also asked what our plans for the salary that's budgeted for the Assistant City Administrator position and he was told that the money will stay in the general fund.

2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **CVB Report:** CVB Director Amanda Gaddis presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatements:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented the following abatement:

A. **1441 9th St:** There are brush piles located on the south side of this property and that said Unlawful Accumulation constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 8.08.110 of the Great Bend Code. This property is located at 1441 9th St. This real estate is the subject of Resolution Number 061625-A.

Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve Resolution 061625-A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed with all voting in favor.

5. **Narcotic Incinerator and Drug Drop Box:** Police Chief Steve Haulmark reported that a significant portion of the criminal activity within the City of Great Bend is related to illegal narcotics. These offenses range from the possession and use of controlled substances to additional illegal acts often committed to support substance abuse. Once related criminal cases are resolved, the Police Department is responsible for properly disposing of these narcotics. Upon researching available solutions, several options were identified; however, most are large stationary units that do not meet our needs for flexibility and space efficiency. A vendor based in Carmi, Illinois—Elastec—offers a product called the Drug Terminator, which is a mobile incinerator that can be stored and deployed as needed. This device offers an environmentally friendly, DEA-compliant solution for on-site drug disposal, significantly reducing the risks associated with prolonged storage and transportation. Additionally, we are requesting approval to purchase and install a secure drug drop box in the public lobby of the Police Department. This would provide residents with a convenient, anonymous, and safe way to dispose of expired or unused medications year-round, rather than waiting for periodic drug take-back events. This initiative would help reduce the risk of misuse, accidental ingestion, and environmental contamination. This drug drop box would be purchased from the same vendor. The total cost is \$7,570 and the funding for this project would be supported through Kansas HB 2079 and the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, which allocates a portion of opioid litigation settlement funds to municipalities for initiatives aimed at preventing opioid misuse and enhancing community safety. The purchase and use of the drug terminator and drug drop box align with the intent of this legislation, supporting law enforcement efforts to combat the opioid crisis and improve public health outcomes. Mr. Jimenez made a motion to approve the purchase of the drug terminator and the drug drop box from Elastec for \$7,570.00. Mr. Parr seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **2027 F550 Ambulance:** Fire Chief Brent Smith reported that as part of the fire department vehicle replacement plan, we have implemented a plan so that aging equipment is replaced before it becomes unreliable for emergency response and also while the vehicle to be replaced has some trade in or resale value. From the bids received, we recommend going with the low bid from American Response Vehicles for \$359,400.00. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the bid of \$359,400.00 from American Response Vehicles for the 2027 F550 Ambulance. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

7. **Harrison Well #4 Piping and Meter Installation:** Utilities Supervisor Darren Doonan reported Water Department has in equipment maintenance the funds to purchase new piping and installation of a new meter (already purchased). Our original intention was to keep the new meter in a remote pit outside of the well house. Due to specifications and pipe condition in the pit, we would like to move the meter to inside the wellhouse for easier service and longer life. We have acquired 2 bids for the project from: Sargent Drilling – Salina, Ks and Rosencrantz-Bemis – Great Bend, Ks. A 3rd contractor was attempted to contact with no return. The low bid is Rosencrantz-Bemis for \$29,626.53. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the bid for \$29,626.53 from Rosencrantz-Bemis for new piping and installation at Harrison Well #4. Mr. Parr 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. Maddox and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.