

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

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 18, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 3-3-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date in the amount of \$708,124.70.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 2-21-25:** Covering payroll ending February 15, 2025, in the amount of \$542,261.73.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt appointed Naren Patel to the CVB Board.
- e) **Cinco De Mayo Parade Street Closure:** Close Main Street from 19th Street to Lakin Avenue from 11:00am to 12:00pm on May 3, 2025, for the Cinco De Mayo Parade.
- f) **Agenda:** Mayor Schmidt amended the agenda adding Patrol vehicle replacement after item #7.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mingenback 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 Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.

3. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger presented her monthly report.
4. **Abatements:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented the following abatement.
 - A. **3118 18th St:** There is trash and refuse on the property including but not limited to: **There is junk and refuse in the driveway** 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 3118 18th St. and is the subject of Resolution Number 030325-A.

Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve Resolutions 030325-A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox and passed with all voting in favor.
5. **Hospital Economic Impact Study:** John Worden with the University of Kansas Health System reported the economic impact study that the hospital has in the community and the State of Kansas.
6. **Park Truck:** Public Lands Director Scott Keeler reported that the city received two bids. The low bid was \$43,795.00 for a Ford F-250 4x4. The Dodge 2500 Tradesman was \$45,905.00. Chevrolet is not currently bidding fleet vehicles. We currently have budgeted \$30,000 in 2025 and the remaining balance will be paid from leftover reserves from previous Public Lands capital purchases and insurance that total \$13,795.00. We will be trading in 2008 F-150 for an estimated \$2,500.00. This truck has 122,836 miles with ongoing mechanical issues. Staff recommends the purchase of the Ford F-250 for \$43,795.00. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2025 Ford F-250 for \$43,795.00 from Marmie Ford. Ms. Biggs seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **Proposed Request for Congressionally Directed Spending:** Airport Manager Martin Miller reported that due to delays in FAA funding for the approved crosswind runway reconstruction at Great Bend Municipal Airport, the Airport is seeking the City's approval to request alternate funding authority through the Kansas Congressional delegation. Mr. Parr made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the FY 26 appropriations request. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
8. **Patrol Vehicle Replacements:** Police Chief Steve Haulmark addressed the Council asking for approval to replace four Patrol vehicles from Marmie Ford for a cost of \$192,000 and the upfitting of the new vehicles from SERV for an additional \$23,148.00 for a total cost of \$215,148.00. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the purchase of four patrol units from Marmie Ford for \$192,000 and upfitting the vehicles from SERV for \$23,148 for a total cost of \$215,148.00. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
9. **Executive Session:** An executive session has been requested to discuss personnel matters concerning non-elected personnel. Ms. Biggs made a motion to recess to executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters concerning non-elected personnel under K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1). The regular meeting will resume at 7:28 p.m. Ms. Mingenback seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:28. City Attorney Allen Glendenning presented a

proposed contract with Watkins & Calcara that would replace the existing contract set to expire October 31, 2025. That existing contract requires the city to provide a staff member to assist the City Attorney. The recent retirement of the staff member filling that role has left that position vacant. The new contract proposed by Watkins & Calcara would renew the contract for three years, subject to annual review and include the legal assistant position in the services to be provided by Watkins & Calcara. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the proposed contract with Watkins and Calcara. Ms. Mingenback 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 7:32 p.m.