

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Location – City Hall Council Chambers

The Council meeting will be livestreamed for public to view on our city council Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/qbcitycouncil/>.

AGENDA

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Cody Schmidt | <input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Cory Urban |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Kevyn Soupiset | <input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Gary Parr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Rickee Maddox | <input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Tina Mingenback |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Alan Moeder | <input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Davis Jimenez |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Jolene Biggs | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Allen Glendenning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator Logan Burns | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Administrator VACANT | |

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.
- 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 will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Annual Business Licenses Renewal:** Attached is a listing of the business licenses that are up for renewal that have submitted their application. All requirements of the ordinances have been met, and approval is recommended.
- f) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The public is free to comment on items not listed on the agenda. Please address comments to the City Council as a body and be mindful of others who may wish to speak by abiding by the 3-minute limit. If a large group is present for the same topic, the mayor, in his discretion, may ask that you elect 1 spokesperson, and he could allow a longer time for that individual to speak.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmembers will report on the boards and commissions that they serve on.

Recommendation: Informational item.

2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Logan Burns will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

3. **CVB Report:** CVB Director Amanda Gaddis will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **Abatements:** City Administrator Logan Burns will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Narcotic Incinerator and Drug Drop Box:** 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. Police Chief Steve Haulmark will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of the drug terminator and the drug drop box from Elastec for \$7,570.00.

6. **2027 F550 Ambulance:** 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. Fire Chief Brent Smith will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid of \$359,400.00 from American Response Vehicles for the 2027 F550 Ambulance.

7. **Harrison Well #4 Piping and Meter Installation:** 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. Utilities Supervisor Darren Doonan will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid for \$29,626.53 from Rosencrantz-Bemis for new piping and installation at Harrison Well #4.

ADJOURNMENT

WORKSESSION AGENDA

6/16/2025

1. 2025 Budget Agency Requests