

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 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/gbcitycouncil/>.

AGENDA

Members present:

___ Mayor Cody Schmidt	___ Councilmember Cory Urban
___ Councilmember Kevyn Soupiset	___ Councilmember Gary Parr
___ Councilmember Rickee Maddox	___ Councilmember Tina Mingenback
___ Councilmember Alan Moeder	___ Councilmember Davis Jimenez
___ Councilmember Jolene Biggs	___ Attorney Allen Glendenning
___ Administrator Logan Burns	___ Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer
___ Assistant Administrator VACANT	

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on April 21, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 5-5-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 5-2-25:** Covering payroll ending April 26, 2025, in the amount of \$422,210.58.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Street Closure:** Close Lakin Avenue from Main Street to Kansas Avenue for the Car Show June 21, 2025 from 8am to 3pm.
- f) **Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License:** Erika Abplanalp has applied for a Cereal Malt Beverage License for La Marina Seafood & Bar 2. All requirements of the ordinance have been completed and recommend approval.
- g) **Tree Trimmers:** Jace Wikum, DBA STX 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.
- h) **Fire Department Township:** The City of Great Bend annually enters into contracts with the Townships of Liberty, Buffalo, Great Bend and South Bend to provide the fire service on an annual basis. The new contract rate for the 2025 year includes a 4% increase over the 2024 contracts. The township's contract runs from February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

- i) **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. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **Public Hearing for Dangerous Building – 201 Walnut:** In June 2024, a structure fire occurred at a mobile home located at 201 Walnut. Half of the structure was missing due to the fire and the remaining interior of the mobile home suffered severe smoke and fire damage as a result. In January, Matt conducted a follow up inspection after several failed attempts to contact the owner. The portions of the house with the fire damage have now collapsed on itself and there are piles of charred lumber around the exterior of the house and the house remains unsecured from entry. The full inspection letter from Matt is included in this packet. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Open public hearing. Close public hearing. Motion to approve Resolution 050525-A, removal of unsafe & dangerous structure at 201 Walnut.

5. **Public Hearing for Dangerous Structure – 218 Pine:** In February 2025, a structure fire occurred at a single-family dwelling located at 218 Pine. The entire structure sustained significant fire damage and much of the roof structure has

collapsed. There are no longer any doors or windows on the structure and is not secure from entry. The full inspection letter from Matt is included in this packet. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Open public hearing. Close public hearing. Motion to approve Resolution 050525-B, removal of unsafe & dangerous structure at 218 Pine.

6. **Slide in Pump Unit:** In 2019 we placed GBFD on a list with the US Forest Service for a 5- ton 6x6 military to be converted into a brush truck. Earlier this year we took delivery of the truck and are now requesting approval for the purchase of the tank and pump from Hays Fire Equipment for \$37,154.70, so that the truck can be placed into service. This truck will greatly enhance our ability to fight brush and grass fires, especially in the river basin. Fire Chief Brent Smith will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of 1000 gallon skid unit from Hays Fire Equipment for \$37,154.70.

7. **Dragstrip 100% Design Proposal:** The City of Great Bend has been conducting meetings with Bartlett & West over conceptual design over the last couple of months. We are now in the phase of design where we need to continue to 100% design to bid out the project and ultimately a guaranteed maximum price for the project. Included in your packet is an amendment to the first contract we signed with B&W to complete 100% design and construction administration services. This comes at a price of \$315,595, however, I will add that this includes the design of a new timing tower and moving the location of the track approximately 300' to the west of the original start line location to accommodate future growth if STAR bonds were to come to fruition. As of now, we could possibly fit the timing tower into our budget with savings on civil work from moving the start line of the dragstrip. If we were to keep the original location of the start line, that price would be \$206,154, however, keeping this location would pose challenges for future growth at the track with spectator seating. The plan would be to continue with design development and get to a point where we feel comfortable with the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) on whether we choose to move the track or keep it at the same location. We should know that answer towards the end of May when we can make that final determination before demolition starts in June. We are continuing to have meetings this week and will have more information during the Council meeting on some potential conflicts with the track design and which design route B&W needs to take and that the City of Great Bend is comfortable with. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the amendment to the Bartlett & West agreement in the amount of \$315,595.

ADJOURNMENT