

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 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:

<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 September 2, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 9-15-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 9-5-25:** Covering payroll ending August 30, 2025, in the amount of \$441,232.51.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **GBHS Homecoming Parade Permissions:** Authorize to close Main Street on October 10, 2025 for the Parade from 2:00pm to no later than 5:00pm from 19th Street to Lakin Avenue.
- 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. **Public Relations Report:** Public Relations Director Addison Crites will present her report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **SRF Public Meeting:** City applied for State Revolving Funding (SRF) pre application in May of 2025 for the airport lift station rehabilitation. We received approval from KDHE stating we are selected for the 2026 intended use plan to apply for a loan in the amount of \$800,000.00, with an estimated loan forgiveness amount of \$480,000.00. To remain eligible for this funding, the City must submit a full loan application, including a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), to KDHE by October 15, 2025. Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala will report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

5. **SRF Application Public Hearing:** As part of the SRF application process city is required to have a public hearing followed by the public meeting. This allows the city to present city selected improvements for the funding application. Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala will report.

Recommendation: Open public hearing. Motion to close public hearing. Motion to approve Resolution 091525-A.

6. **SS4A Discussion:** In 2024, the City applied for and was awarded funding through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant program to develop a comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The total award amount is \$200,000, of which \$160,000 will be provided through federal funding. The City is responsible for a local match of \$40,000 to fulfill the grant requirements. This initiative will involve hiring engineering consultants to conduct a comprehensive safety analysis. The study will include a review of crash data and consider the needs of all road users—pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and drivers. The outcome will be a set of recommended policy and process improvements, as well as potential infrastructure enhancements. Collaboration with community groups,

public agencies, and other stakeholders will be a key component of the planning process. Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala will report.

Recommendation: Take appropriate action.

- 7. Rabies Quarantine Requirements:** After discussion with local veterinarians, the City of Great Bend learned our ordinances were not consistent with modern veterinarian medical standards regarding rabies quarantine periods. Our current ordinance reflects a quarantine period of not less than 14 days whereas KDHE standards reflect a 10-day quarantine period. It is still required that any animal that has bitten any person is required to deliver that animal to the animal control authority or a licensed veterinarian for impounding and quarantine and the animal shall be examined to determine if it is suffering from rabies. With approval of this ordinance, the City of Great Bend would now be consistent with KDHE guidelines and Barton County rabies resolution. The other substantive change made to the ordinance is concerning police canines where any currently vaccinated canine belonging to the Great Bend Police Department, Barton County Sheriff's Department or other police canine assisting from another law enforcement agency that bites any person while under proper law enforcement supervision, is exempt from the requirements of subsection (b) of this proposed ordinance and may continue on active duty unless it is acting in a manner that would indicate symptoms of rabies. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to adopt Ordinance 4460, relating to rabies control quarantine requirements.

ADJOURNMENT