

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers. Cory Urban called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following presents: Councilmembers Rickee Maddox, Cory Urban, Kevyn Soupiset, Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez, Gary Parr and Tina Mingenback. Absent was councilmember Alan Moeder and Mayor Cody Schmidt. 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 September 2, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 9-15-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date in the amount of \$903,602.96.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 9-5-25:** Covering payroll ending August 30, 2025, in the amount of \$441,232.51.
- d) **Appointments:** Council President Urban made no appointments.
- 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) **Street Closure & Permissions for Alzheimer's Awareness Walk and Car Show:** Authorize to close Lakin Avenue from Kansas Avenue to Main Street on October 19, 2025, from 8am to 2pm. Authorize vendors to set up in Jack Kilby Square at 8am on October 19, 2025.
- g) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as amended, adding street closure permissions for Alzheimer's Awareness Walk and Car Show to the consent agenda. Also added item #8, an amendment to the Dragstrip GMP.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Janice Walker with League of Women Voters addressed the Governing Body about the upcoming Candidate Forum.
- Joni Haynes addressed the Governing Body about a ditch the city dug near her home, and it is not being mowed often enough, and she asked if there could be more focus on keeping up the mowing.

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. **Public Relations Report:** Public Relations Director Addison Crites presented her report.
4. **SRF Public Meeting:** Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala and City Engineer Brad Shores with JEO reported 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.
5. **SRF Application Public Hearing:** Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala and City Engineer Brad Shores with JEO reported 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. Mr. Urban opened the public hearing. Mr. Urban made a motion to close public hearing. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion to close the public hearing and the motion passed with all voting in favor. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve Resolution 091525-A. Ms. Mingenback seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **SS4A Discussion:** Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala and City Engineer Brad Shores with JEO reported that 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. Mr. Urban made a motion to proceed with the SS4A study to be paid for out of contingency monies. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **Rabies Quarantine Requirements:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that 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. Mr. Urban made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4460, relating to rabies control quarantine requirements. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

8. **Amendment to Dragstrip GMP:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that following the design-build process and after consultations last week with subject matter experts—including concrete engineers, representatives from NHRA and SRCA, Bartlett & West, and city staff—it was determined that, for long-term durability, the racing lanes must be designed to withstand the extreme wear and tear from dragsters and the impact of repeated track preparation activities. This includes addressing the performance concerns associated with traditional control joints along the track. To mitigate these issues and enhance the longevity of the surface, the revised approach is to install continuous reinforced pavement (CRP) in the racing lanes. This will consist of 17'-6" wide lanes beginning 50 feet before the starting line and extending 150 feet past the finish line. The CRP will be reinforced with #6 rebar at 8" on-center spacing longitudinally and #6 rebar at 3' on-center spacing transversely. This method eliminates the need for cutting both longitudinal and transverse control joints, which were previously required with the use of welded wire fabric and joints spaced every 12.5 feet. To fund this enhancement, \$100,000 will be drawn from the construction contingency fund, leaving a remaining balance of \$329,900 for any future change orders. The additional cost will be covered using 2024 year-end transfers, from which \$386,130 is currently available. No additional funding beyond the already allocated budget will be required for this project. Mr. Urban made a motion to approve amendment No.3 to the Bartlett & West agreement in the amount of \$336,443.00. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Parr made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biggs and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.