

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 3, 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

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 20, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 11-3-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 10-17-25:** Covering payroll ending October 11, 2025, in the amount of \$568,277.57.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **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. **Barton Core Community:** Janice Perez would like to address the Governing Body about their organization and the impact they have on our community.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. would like to address the Governing Body.

Recommendation: Informational item.

5. **Shop with a Cop:** For multiple years, the Great Bend Police Department, in partnership with the Great Bend Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #23, has engaged in meaningful community outreach during the Christmas season—most notably through our Shop with a Cop program. Each year, staff from USD 428 provide names and contact information for students whose families are facing hardships or financial difficulties. These children are invited to Walmart to participate in the program, where they are given a gift card and accompanied by police officers as they select gifts. This event fosters positive relationships between our community's children and local law enforcement while ensuring that children who might otherwise go without are able to experience the joy of the holiday season. While the children are the focus of the event, it is common to witness acts of kindness and selflessness—many children choose to spend part of their gift card amount on presents for parents or siblings. The value of each gift card is determined by both the number of children identified as being in need and the amount of funds available. The Shop with a Cop program is primarily funded through fundraising efforts conducted by FOP Lodge #23 members. However, the FOP also supports several other outreach initiatives throughout the year, which can limit available resources for this specific program. In 2023, the Police Department supplemented available funds with a contribution from our asset forfeiture account. In 2024, the City Council generously authorized the use of funds from the Municipal Court Diversion account to assist with the program. This support allowed us not only to shop with over 50 children but also to provide each child's parent(s) with a separate gift card to help purchase food for a holiday meal. In anticipation of the upcoming holiday season, I respectfully request authorization from the City

Council to again utilize \$4,000 from the Municipal Court Diversion Fund to help subsidize this important community outreach effort. Police Chief Steve Haulmark will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the police department to use \$4,000 from the municipal court diversion fund for the Shop with a Cop program.

ADJOURNMENT