

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Location - Events Center in the remodeled addition (southwest room)

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 Lindsey Krom-Craven
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Brock McPherson	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Junior Welsch
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Alan Moeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3 Councilmember - VACANT
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Jolene Biggs	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator Kendal Francis	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Robert Suelter

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 4, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 1-18-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 1-15-21:** Covering payroll ending January 9, 2021 in the amount of \$420,767.93.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Official City Newspaper:** Designate the Great Bend Tribune as the City's official newspaper.
- f) **Township Contracts:** Each year the City of Great Bend enters into a Contract with the Townships of Liberty, Buffalo, Great Bend and South Bend to provide the fire service. The current rate has been in place since 2016. In 2020, we reviewed the contracts with the four townships. The new contract rate for the 2021 year includes a 4% increase. The township contract runs from February 1, 2021 thru January 31, 2022. Approval for Mayor Schmidt to sign the four 2020 Fire Township contracts.
- g) **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 also wish to speak by limiting comments to 3 minutes.

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 Kendal Francis will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

3. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **Abatements:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Just In Time Remodeling:** Rachel Mawhirter, with Just In Time Remodeling would like to address the Governing Body in regards to placing a sign on City right-of-way.

Recommendation: Take appropriate action.

6. **Utility Vehicles:** We are looking at replacing 2 trucks, a 2001 Dodge that is used by Wastewater with 140,479 miles and a 2010 Ford F150 with 120,010 miles that is used by Water. Both trucks have had past mechanical issues. We are wanting to upgrade some our trucks to $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4x4 crew cabs from $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 2 wheel drives due to towing loads, moving crews to jobsites, sampling in hard to access areas, as well as needing the extra cab room to carry people and items that cannot be stored in a toolbox or bed of a truck. We received 3 bids for a 2021 Ford $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Crew Cab 4x4. Marmies was the higher bid at \$32,220 per truck by \$500 but they were within the 5% local allowance per our procurement policy. Assistant Public Works Director Jason Cauley will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Bid from Marmies for 2 2021 Ford ¾ Ton Crew Cab 4x4 for a total cost of \$64,440.

7. **Public Works Director Appointment:** Jason Cauley has served the past 12 months as Assistant Public Works Director. During that time, he has immersed himself in the department, overseeing its day-to-day operations, with little supervision needed. Jason has a very well-rounded knowledge of all facets of the department and has used that knowledge to improve service delivery. Jason desires to improve his technical knowledge as well as his leadership and supervisory abilities. He is quick to ask questions and research topics about which he is unfamiliar. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Motion to appoint Jason Cauley as the Public Works Director.

ADJOURNMENT