

# GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Location – City Hall Council Chambers

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## AGENDA

### Members present:

__ Mayor Cody Schmidt	__ Councilmember Cory Urban
__ Councilmember Kevyn Soupiset	__ Councilmember Lindsey Krom-Craven
__ Councilmember Brock McPherson	__ Councilmember Natalie Towns
__ Councilmember Alan Moeder	__ Councilmember Davis Jimenez
__ Councilmember Jolene Biggs	__ Attorney Allen Glendenning
__ Interim Administrator Logan Burns	__ Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer

## OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 16, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 2-6-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 1-27-23:** Covering payroll ending January 21, 2023, in the amount of \$474,491.28.
- d) **Tree Trimmers License:** Greg Boys has applied for a tree trimmers license. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance.
- e) **Independence Day Fireworks Show & Batcats Fireworks Shows:** Authorize the Fireworks Display at Expo Grounds on July 3, 2023. Authorize the fireworks display at the Great Bend Bat Cats home games on June 9, 2023, with July 12, 2023 as the makeup day and July 2, 2023, with July 24, 2023 as the makeup day.
- f) **Change of Date for the Next Regular Council Meeting:** The next regular council meeting falls on Presidents Day, February 20, 2023, which is a Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
- g) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- h) **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. **Fire Chief Resignation:** Luke McCormick has resigned as Fire Chief.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the resignation of Luke McCormick as Fire Chief as submitted.

2. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmembers will report on the boards and commissions that they serve on.

Recommendation: Informational item.

3. **Interim Administrators Update:** Interim City Administrator Logan Burns will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Information item.

5. **Moderate Income Housing Grant:** GBED is proposing that the city apply for the Moderate Income Housing grant on behalf of GBED. This grant does not require the city to put in any additional funds to see the project through. GBED is proposing that the city apply for these funds and allow them to be used towards the building of affordable housing in the Zarah Mall building downtown. We selected this building because of the number of units that will be able to be constructed. The purpose of this grant is to put more funds into a housing project to allow the owner to then rent the units for a lesser amount. GBED recognizes this grant as an opportunity to welcome more funds into our community to contribute to our housing obstacles and allow for nicer housing options to be available at an affordable cost. Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution Number 020623-A, indicating the Governing Body's support for the submission of the Moderate Income Housing Grant Application.

6. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Hoyt Kinsinger will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

7. **2023 Street Resurfacing Project:** The City put out bids for construction of Street Resurfacing project for 2023. Project limits are approximately 13 blocks; McKinley Street from 10<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Street; Firethorne Street, Buckeye Street, and Dogwood Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Barton Drive; Cedar Street, Evergreen Street and Almond Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to Barton Drive. The intent for this resurfacing project is to get a high-volume street (McKinley) getting full depth repairs and effort to prioritize residential streets (southeast part streets) as well. Venture Corporation is the only bid we received for \$925,900.00, and this project will be constructed concurrently with 2023 CCLIP K96 project thus, it saves us on mobilization costs. Start date is expected to be summer 2023. Funding will come from ¼ cent sales tax. Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid from Venture Corporation for \$925,900.00 for the 2023 Street Resurfacing Project.

8. **SRCA Operating Agreement:** The SRCA has been operating the drag strip under an agreement that expired on December 31, 2022. Staff and the SRCA have negotiated a tentative agreement for 1 year. City Attorney Allen Glendenning will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the operating agreement with SRCA as presented.

9. **Executive Session:** An executive session has been requested to discuss information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relation. The executive session shall include the Governing Body, the Interim City Administrator, and the City Attorney.

Recommendation: A motion to recess into executive session for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to seek legal advice concerning contract matters pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), consultation with an attorney for the body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. The regular meeting will resume at \_\_\_\_\_.

**ADJOURNMENT**