

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2022

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 Lindsey Krom-Craven
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Brock McPherson	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Natalie Towns
<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 Kendal Francis	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 7, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 2-22-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 2-11-22:** Covering payroll ending February 5, 2022, in the amount of \$322,522.04.
- 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 also wish to speak by limiting comments to 3 minutes.

1. **Kansas Wetlands Education Center Report:** Curtis Wolf, Director for the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, will present the annual report for 2021.

D. NEW BUSINESS

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

Recommendation: Informational item.

- 3. Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

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

Recommendation: Informational item.

- 5. Request for Public Hearing for 205 Frey Street:** Logan Burns, Building Official, conducted a visual inspection of a house located on the property of 205 Frey Street. During his inspection, Logan Burns noted the camper and mobile home located on this property were both considered unsafe structures due electrical issues, water line and sewer line issues and inadequate ventilation of utilities. Both the camper and mobile home had fireplaces that were unsafe. A hearing was previously set for February 21 but the council meeting was moved to the 22nd so new notice is being given with this resolution. Code Enforcement Art Keffer will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution Number 022222-A.

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

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

- 7. Phone System Upgrade:** As we continue to upgrade technology and advancing needs within the city, we are finding our current phone system is quickly becoming outdated and unable to grow with our business. The phones itself are no longer made which requires us to either obtain refurbished phones or phones that have been sitting on the shelf for several years. Our current phone system is unable to do conferencing or voice mail forwarding without adding new cards and licensing which takes away the flexibility and availability for certain call options. It is also vulnerable to outages, so weather or node issues will disrupt service (which happens often). A cloud phone system offers many features that we are currently lacking and gives employees anytime, anywhere access via smartphone, desk phone or softphone. The City received 3 bids and the low bid was from Nex-Tech for \$66,410.40. The monthly phone service cost would increase approximately by \$345 per year. Network Administrator James Cell will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid from Nex-Tech for \$66,410.40

ADJOURNMENT