

# GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 15, 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"/> Councilmember Davis Jimenez
<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 March 1, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 3-15-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 3-12-21:** Covering payroll ending March 6, 2021 in the amount of \$349,478.80.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Concession Lease:** Approve attached lease agreement with Jason Ward to operate the concession at the Great Bend Sports Complex.
- f) **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. **Abatements:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

4. **Memorial Fund Donation:** On September 28, 2019, the Great Bend Fire Department responded to a residence on fire. Upon arrival Captain Matthew Petersen and Firefighter Brandon Werth entered the structure where they found Lawrence Rziha still inside. Unfortunately, Mr. Rziha passed away from his injuries sustained during the fire. The family of Mr. Rziha donated memorial funds in his honor to the Great Bend Fire Department to use towards equipment purchases. In December 2020, the Fire Department chose to add an additional Thermal Imaging Camera to our inventory. The department used funds from the memorial in the amount of \$1,545 to assist with the overall purchase price of \$5,800. Fire Chief Luke McCormick will report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

5. **Nepotism Policy:** The City continues to have challenges filling staffing in certain areas. In an effort to help with staffing shortages, we are proposing to amend the Nepotism Policy to allow for family members to be hired in certain circumstances. Human Resources Director Randy Keasling will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the amended Nepotism Policy.

6. **Replacement Docks:** The docks at Stone Lake and Vets Lake were last rebuilt in 1996 and around 1999, respectively. The floats were reused at that time with new wood. Since then, both have continued to age, and need replaced. Staff researched and compared the cost to rebuild both docks verse purchasing from a manufacturer. EZ Docks were the most cost-effective meeting ADA Standards and providing the best warranty for a total cost of \$34,299.20. In 2020, the City transferred at year end \$50,000 for park maintenance. Public Lands Director Scott Keeler will report.

Recommendation: Motion approve the purchase of 2 docks from EZ Docks for a total cost of \$34,299.20.

7. **SRCA Change Order:** Contractors uncovered a large area of saturated base soils that were too wet to provide a solid base on which to pour the new concrete. The soils with time would have dried naturally. However, in order to prevent lengthy project delays, we chose to authorize contractors to incorporate fly ash into the soils to artificially dry it and make it a solid base for construction. The cost of the additional material and labor is \$19,472.40. Additionally, we made the decision to replace an additional 18' of concrete approach to lessen the degree of slope when transitioning from concrete approach to the actual dragstrip. The ground clearance on race cars is so minute that too drastic of a slope change can cause them to bottom out and damage the undersides of the vehicle. The cost of this change is \$8,525.00. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the dragstrip change order for Suchy Construction in the amount of \$27,997.40.

**ADJOURNMENT**