

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 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 June 7, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 6-21-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 6-18-21:** Covering payroll ending June 12, 2021 in the amount of \$464,775.08.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Change of Date for the Next Regular Council Meeting:** The next regular council meeting falls on July 5, 2021, which is Independence Day Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.
- f) **Annual Business Licenses Renewal:** Attached is a listing of the business licenses that are up for renewal that have submitted their application. All requirements of the ordinances have been met and approval is recommended.
- g) **BAK Overnight Permission in the Brit Spaugh Park:** Grant Permission to allow BAK participants to camp overnight in Brit Spaugh Park from September 2, 2021, to September 6, 2021, with City staff making the Waterpark showers an option upon agreement.
- h) **June & July Bike Night:** Authorize blocking off parking stalls on Lakin Avenue between Kansas Avenue and Main (behind the bandshell) for motorcycle parking on June 26, 2021, and July 24, 2021.
- i) **Annual Blessed Bike Rally:** Authorize blocking off parking stalls on the north side of Lakin Avenue between Kansas Avenue and Main on August 20-22,

2021, for vendors to set up and tear down. Authorize closing Lakin Avenue between Main and Kansas from 8:00am to 11:00pm on August 21, 2021. Authorize individuals to stay overnight in Jack Kilby Square for security of the event on August 20-21, 2021.

- j) **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. **AMR Public Hearing:** On May 3rd, staff requested permission to apply for a \$2.2 million loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund for the installation of an automated meter reading system. The first step in the process is to hold a public hearing to discuss the loan. As required, a notice advertising the public hearing was published on May 7, 2021, in the Great Bend Tribune. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Open for public hearing. Motion to close public hearing.

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

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

6. **Military Leave Policy Change:** Currently, our staff who are military reservists have the opportunity to access accrued vacation and personal time when they are called to duty, but they are not allowed to access accrued sick time. The change to the military policy makes accrued sick time available as well. Human Resource Director Randy Keasling will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the change to the Military Leave Policy to allow military reservists to use accrued sick time when called to duty.

7. **2021 Storm Box Rehabilitations:** We have storm boxes and lines in town that are collapsed and in need of repair. The project was put out to bid on May 7th and we opened bids on May 24th with no bids received. I contacted Concrete Services and Eakin Enterprises, with Concrete Services providing a bid for \$66,430. Eakin did not provide a bid within the time specified. The addresses of the storm boxes are as follows; 4200 Broadway, 23rd and McKinley, 12th and McKinley, and 28th and Jefferson. This project is not only for the storm boxes but for the repair of the curb, gutter, and some street in select cases. If approved, construction on the projects would begin in 4 to 6 weeks. Public Works Director Jason Cauley will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid from Concrete Services for the Storm Box Rehabilitations for \$66,430.

8. **Rezoning of Real Estate in Rural Barton County:** Sharon Bautista-Mulligan and Ray Mulligan have requested that the real estate located at 3706 Railroad Avenue be rezoned from LM-SC (light manufacturing-service commercial) to R (residential). The requesting owners of the real estate have purchased the real estate and wish to construct a home on the real estate. To do so, the real estate will need to be rezoned to an R zone. City Attorney Robert Suelter will report.

Recommendation: Motion to adopt the Findings of Fact prepared by staff and as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion to adopt Ordinance 4371 rezoning the real estate as requested.

9. **Rezoning of Real Estate in Rural Barton County:** Lila Hoch has filed an application to rezone real estate located at 1723 from C-1 (commercial) to R-2 (two-family). She has purchased this real estate and wishes to construct a home on the property. To do so, the real estate must be rezoned. City Attorney Robert Suelter will report.

Recommendation: Motion to adopt the Findings of Fact prepared by staff and as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion to adopt Ordinance 4372 rezoning the real estate as requested.

10. **Common Consumption Area:** Economic Development (ED) has requested the designation of a Common Consumption Area on Forest Avenue from the west

side of Main Street to the east side of Williams Street. A resolution has been prepared to designate said area. ED has requested that the area to be designated and the Great Bend Alive, Inc., be the licensee to operate the area. The designation requested will commence on July 1, 2021, and terminate on December 31, 2026, unless extended by further action of the Governing Body. Economic Development President Sara Hayden will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution Number 062121-, designating a Common Consumption Area in the downtown area.

ADJOURNMENT

WORK SESSION AGENDA 6/21/2021

1. Sales Tax