

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 3, 2023

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:

___ 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 Special Session held on June 19, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 7-3-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 6-30-23:** Covering payroll ending June 24, 2023, in the amount of \$379,396.92.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Street Closure:** Close McKinley and 17th Street Terrace starting at 9:50am for the wet/dry parade on August 12, 2023, for Party in the Park.
- f) **Street Closure:** Close 17th Street Terrace west of McKinley to White Sands Drive after the parade to midnight to utilize for extra parking and allow one-way traffic to be directed to the west on August 12, 2023, for Party in the Park.
- g) **Party in the Park Fireworks Display:** Allow the discharge of fireworks in Vets Park on Saturday August 12, 2023, by contracted officials starting around 10:00pm.
- h) **Non-Street Legal Cars:** Allow non-street legal cars that are local car club affiliated to be able to preregister and travel no more than 12 blocks to get to the Party in the Park Car Show on August 12, 2023, for Party in the Park.
- i) **CMB Beer:** Allow CMB Beer (no bottles or glass) in Al Burns Field for the Concert with help of Legion Riders and GBPD as additional security on August 12, 2023, for Party in the Park.

- j) **Vets Park Curfew Extension:** Authorize people to be in Vets Park past midnight on Saturday August 12, 2023, for cleanup of the Park in the Park event.
- k) **Police and Fire Training Agreement:** Authorize the Mayor to sign the mutual release between the City and Great Bend Economic Development that will allow city firefighters and police to engage in training in the old hotel adjacent to the Event Center before it is torn down.
- l) **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. **Interim Administrators Update:** Interim City Administrator Logan Burns will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

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

Recommendation: Information item.

4. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Art Keffer will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Unsafe & Dangerous Structure – 301 Chestnut:** An investigation was conducted among several entities on June 26, 2023 at 301 Chestnut. During the investigation, the Health Department noted rubbish/trash, feces and large number of roaches throughout the inside of the property along with several dogs and cats that were taken from the property by the Barton County Humane

Society. The conclusion of the BCHD was that the condition of the residence was found to be a threat to the health of the public and may be injurious to the health of any inhabitation. The building inspector noted in his letter multiple violations of the Uniform Housing Code that include lack of bathroom facilities, lack of kitchen sink, lack of hot and cold running water to plumbing fixtures and infestation of insects. Both of these letters are attached for your reference. This resolution sets a public hearing date of August 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the City Council Chambers. Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution 070323-, setting the public hearing for an unsafe & dangerous structure at 301 Chestnut.

- 6. Wayfinding Signs:** One of the City's Strategic Plan goals was to replace all the wayfinding signs in town so that they look cohesive with our welcome signs and create inviting directional signage to the points of interest and city locations. The CVB Advisory Board was instructed to make a plan and \$50,000 was saved last year to pay for them. Included in the packet are the sample signs, estimate from Marks Custom Signs for \$44,950 and locations picked for each of the signs. This signage plan still includes the other entrances to the town – therefore we will continue to save to pay for signs that match at all the entrances. We choose locations based off car counts provided by KDOT. Community Coordinator Christina Hayes will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the estimate from Marks Custom Signs for \$44,950 for the Wayfinding Signs throughout the City.

- 7. Waterline Improvement at the Airport:** The Armory has been in the process of getting bids and working with city representatives to develop a plan to improve the water service to its facilities to allow for an expansion and addition of the current building. We will incur no cost for this improvement with the Federal Government paying for the upgrade. Once the waterline is finished it will be handed over to the city and become part of our system. We are seeking approval to allow the Armory to make additions to our system that would be beneficial for both us and the Armory. It will help with circulation of the system and improve water flow in the farthest part of the water system. Public Works Director Jason Cauley will report.

Recommendation: Motion to allow the improvements to the water system at the airport.

ADJOURNMENT