

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 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 August 2, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 8-16-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 8-13-21:** Covering payroll ending August 7, 2021, in the amount of \$378,654.21.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Street Closure:** Close Main Street from 19th Street to Lakin Avenue from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on October 1, 2021, for the Great Bend High School Homecoming Parade.
- f) **Change of Date for the Next Regular Council Meeting:** The next regular council meeting falls on Labor Day which is a Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- g) **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. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Doug Disque will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Neighborhood Revitalization Plan:** In our joint meeting with the county commission in March, we had initial discussions about creating a county-wide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Since that time, staff from all cities in Barton County have been working with the County to formulate that plan, with the goal of making it as uniform as possible, but still serving the individual needs of each entity. As proposed, it will be a 10-year plan, Great Bend's 2 targeted areas will remain, and there will be new eligibility criteria. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendations as proposed.

6. **US-56 Cost Share Change Order:** The City requested changes to the recent US-56 Improvements project to include adding additional rebar and dowels to the concrete base repairs and the repair and relocation of several storm inlets. The changes resulted in a net project cost increase of \$86,963.15. Those costs fall within the approved Cost Share grant budget. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the change order with Venture Corporation in the amount of \$86,963.15.

7. **Police Station Architectural Agreement:** The city recently released a Request for Qualifications for design of a new police station. We received 9 submittals. A committee reviewed and ranked the submittals and conducted in-person

interviews with the top 3 firms. GLMV Architecture was unanimously selected. They were very highly recommended by multiple contractors and customers. Additionally, they have a solid history of work both in the community and for the City itself. Staff recommends entering into an agreement with GLMV for design of the new police station for the base price of \$477,500, plus \$21,000 for the agreed upon additional services as spelled out in Section 4.1 Supplemental Services, for a total cost of \$498,500. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the architectural agreement with GLMV for a total cost of \$498,500 for the design of a new police station.

- 8. Sales Tax Resolutions:** At the August 2nd work session, the city council reached a consensus to add three (3) separate sales tax questions to the November General Election ballot; Question 1: .10% Debt Service construction of a new police station with a 20-year sunset. Question 2: .15% Quality of Life improvements with no sunset. Questions 3: .20% pension for public safety employees with no sunset. The attached document shows 4 questions. The Council will need to decide if they want the retirement sales tax to be utilized only for KP&F or if they would prefer flexibility to augment our current plan. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution Number 081621-, approving the .10% Debt Service sales tax question to be placed on the November ballot. Motion to approve Resolution Number 081621-, approving the .15% Quality of Life sales tax question to be placed on the November ballot. Motion to approve Resolution Number 081621-, approving the .20% Pension for Public Safety Employees sales tax question to be placed on the November ballot.

ADJOURNMENT