

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 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:

__ 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
__ Administrator Kendal Francis	__ Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on September 6, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 9-19-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 9-9-22:** Covering payroll ending September 3, 2022, in the amount of \$352,405.43.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Homecoming Parade Street Closure:** Close Main Street from 19th Street to Lakin Avenue from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on October 7, 2022, for the Great Bend High School Homecoming Parade.
- f) **2-Day CMB License:** Chad Ehrlich has applied for a 2-day CMB license for the Car Auction at the Expo Grounds on September 30, 2022, and October 1st, 2022. Application has been received along with payment and a copy of the insurance.
- g) **Home for the Holiday Street Closures:** Close Main Street from 24th Street to 12th Street during the parade from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm on November 26th, 2022. Keep Main Street closed from Broadway Avenue to 12th Street for an additional 2 hours after the parade to allow for activities. Close Lakin Avenue between Kansas Avenue to Main Street from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and parking on the north side of Lakin Avenue from noon to 9:00 pm on November 26th, 2022.

- h) **Street Closure:** Close Forest Avenue from Main Street to Williams Street on October 15, 2022, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Flatlander Half Marathon.
- i) **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 Hoyt Kinsinger will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **2023 Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Rates:** At the July budget work session, City Administrator Kendal Francis reported that we were expecting a double digit increase in our 2023 premiums. The city has been presented with an approximately 28% increase due to high utilization. We budgeted 7% increase to health insurance premiums to minimize the burden on to the employees. Our reserve funds are strong, but this will most likely impact them and will force a significantly larger contribution in 2024. Human Resource Director Randy Keasling will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the 2023 BCBS rates.

- 6. City-Owned Parking Lot:** The city council agreed to consider options for an agreement with Joe Andrasek doing business as Poor Boy Properties LLC (PBP) for the long-term use of the city-owned parking lot near 12th & Williams. The city attorney has drafted 2 options; a long-term, renewable lease the final terms of which would be decided by city council or a right of 1st refusal – provides PBP the 1st option to purchase the property if the city ever chose to sell it. City team recommends the long-term lease. This relieves the city of the responsibility for general maintenance and cleanliness of the property. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the long-term renewable lease agreement with Poor Boy Properties, LLC for the city-owned parking lot.

- 7. Conditional Use Permit for Air BNB:** Sharon and Leon Alexander & Michelle Abedi have applied for a conditional use permit to allow for the operation of an Air BNB in an R-1 zone located at 2107 27th Street. The Planning Commission considered the matter at its August 29, 2022, meeting and recommended approval. Building Official Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to adopt the Findings of Fact prepared by City Staff and approved by the Planning Commission. Motion to adopt Resolution Number 09192022-, issuing a conditional use permit for an Air BNB.

- 8. Proposed Lease of Building at Airport:** The storage building at 731 Ave B. has not been leased for several years. Tony's Aerial Spraying, Inc. has requested a lease for the storage of associated equipment for \$1,800.00 per year. Airport Manager Martin Miller will report.

Recommendation: Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed building lease at 731 Avenue B for \$1,800.00 per year.

ADJOURNMENT

WORKSESSION AGENDA 9/19/2022

- 1. Quality of Life (QOL) Capital Improvement Plan**