

# GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 2021

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:

<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 September 7, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 9-20-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 9-10-21:** Covering payroll ending September 4, 2021, in the amount of \$344,662.81.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **2-Day CMB License:** Chad Ehrlich has applied for a 2-day CMB license for the Car Auction at the Expo Grounds on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Application has been received along with payment and a copy of the insurance.
- f) **Resolution 092021-A:** Attached is the pay resolution that was approved as part of the 2022 budget.
- 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. **2022 Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Rates:** BCBS presented us with a projected 13% rate increase for 2022. In 2019 we had a 4% savings of claims to contributions and in 2020 we showed a 15% savings. We did not decrease our premiums in 2021 in an effort to keep premiums more consistent for instances just like this. Having come off of a very good year in 2020 with low utilization as well as not dropping our premiums, we are recommending holding our rates flat for 2022. Human Resource Director Randy Keasling will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve 2022 BCBS rates.

6. **Moderate Income Housing Grant:** GBED is proposing that the city apply for the Moderate Income Housing grant on behalf of GBED. This grant does not require the city to put in any additional funds to see the project through. GBED is proposing that the city apply for these funds and allow them to be used towards the building of affordable housing in the Zarah Mall building downtown. We selected this building because of the number of units that will be able to be constructed. The purpose of this grant is to put more funds into a housing project to allow the owner to then rent the units for a lesser amount. GBED recognizes this grant as an opportunity to welcome more funds into our community to contribute to our housing obstacles and allow for nicer housing options to be available at an affordable cost. Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the City to apply for the Moderate Income Housing Grant on behalf of GBED.

7. **15-Minute Business Parking:** Parking spaces in front of That One Groomer and First National Travel are being parked in by people not there for business. Once the spaces are occupied the vehicles are left for long durations causing difficult access to the businesses. The owner of That One Groomer would like to have one parking stall in front of her business and First National Travel to be marked as 15-minute parking to alleviate this problem. Public Works Director Jason Cauley will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution Number 092021-, designating 15-minute parking zone in the fourth stall North of Tenth Street on the West side of Williams Street.

8. **Amendment to Texpar Lease:** Texpar has land leased at the Great Bend Municipal Airport. The company has large tanks for storing petroleum products on the premises. They have been at the airport for 25 years and wish to extend their lease. The lease is for the land. Texpar pays \$500 per year. The real estate had set empty from the time the City acquired the airport in 1947 until Texpar leased the real estate and constructed the tanks. The company has been a good tenant at the airport. City Attorney Robert Suelter will report.

Recommendation: Motion to authorize Mayor Schmidt to sign the lease extension with Texpar.

9. **City Administrator Evaluation:** The contract with City Administrator Kendal Francis required that a review be carried out annually on his anniversary date of July 30. At the July 19, 2021, council meeting, the Governing Body announced that they will reevaluate him in 90 days. It is recommended that the Governing Body recess to an executive session for the purpose of evaluating the City Administrator.

Recommendation: A motion to recess to executive session for a period of \_\_\_\_ minutes to discuss personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel to conduct the performance review of the City Administrator Kendal Francis under K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1). The regular meeting will resume at \_\_:\_\_p.m

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **WORK SESSION AGENDA 9/20/2021**

### **1. Economic Development Bylaw Changes**