

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 6, 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:

<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 Natalie Towns
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Alan Moeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Davis Jimenez
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Jolene Biggs	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Allen Glendenning
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator Kendal Francis	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on August 15, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 9-6-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 8-26-22:** Covering payroll ending August 20, 2022, in the amount of \$460,105.48.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Great Bend Alive Alley Closure Request:** Permission for Great Bend Alive to close the alley between Forest and Lakin from 6:00am on September 10, 2022, until 6:00pm September 11, 2022, for the painting of the alley. The clear coat will need 24-hour dry time.
- f) **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. **2023 Revenue Neutral Rate:** The Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) public hearing was passed into law in 2021. The RNR is the tax rate that would generate the same total property tax dollars for the City as the previous year using the current years assessed valuation. The City's RNR that was certified by the County Clerk is 51.130 and the City's proposed rate is 52.520. New this year, the vote on the resolution to exceed the RNR must be by roll call vote. City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer will report.

Recommendation: Open for public hearing. Motion to close public hearing. Motion to adopt Resolution Number 090622-A, to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate (*roll call*).

2. **2023 Budget Ordinance No. 4394:** City Administrator, Kendal Francis, presented the 2023 Operating Budget to the Governing Body at the July 11, 2022, budget work session. The budget is funded at a mill levy of 52.520, which is slightly above the calculated Revenue Neutral Rate of 51.130 certified by the County Clerk. City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer will report.

Recommendation: Open for public hearing. Motion to close public hearing. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4394 as the 2023 Budget Ordinance.

3. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmembers will report on the boards and commissions that they serve on.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Kendal Francis will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

5. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

6. **Abatements:** Code Enforcement Leo Espino will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

7. **40 HP Wet Well Submersible Pump:** At the July 18th council meeting, we sought approval of the rebuilding of a 40 HP Flygt submersible pump by JCI for \$39,967.00. After the approval, a bid came in from Fluid Equipment for a new

replacement pump at a lower cost. We had not sought new pumps as the prices that we were quoted were of a substantial cost and our system is setup for Flygt pumps. The rebuild was canceled and we are seeking approval of the purchase of a new pump from Fluid Equipment for \$33,921.09. Fluid Equipment has Homa brand pumps that has the same specifications as the Flygt but at a lower cost and is in new, unused condition. They have adaptors to allow for the pump to connect to our system with no need for any other changes. Olathe has the largest number of Homa pumps in the state, but Russell, Wichita, El Dorado, and Topeka are other cities that currently use them. Lead time is 26 to 28 weeks due to the large pumps being currently out of stock in the United States. We will be realizing a \$6046.31 savings. They also have a 5-year prorated warranty same as Flygt. Public Works Director Jason Cauley will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid from Fluid Equipment for a new 40 HP Submersible Pump for \$33,921.09.

8. **City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP):** The city had put out bids for construction of the CCLIP Pavement Surfacing Improvements. This project will generally consist of 19,234 SY of asphalt milling and asphaltic overlay with 56 SY of full depth patching. CCLIP is a resurfacing project which helps in repairing and replacing subbase issues as needed along with sealing cracks in the asphalt to prevent moisture from penetrating into the subbase and overlay with asphalt. The grant is 90% state funded and 10% city funded. Project limits are US56 to Patton Road on K96. Venture Corporation is the only bid we received for \$573,578.00, with the city portion being \$57,357.80. The start date is expected to be spring 2023. Funding will come from the KDOT Grants Fund which is funded by the federal fund exchange program with the state. Assistant City Engineer Hitha Kadiyala will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid from Venture Corporation for the 2023 CCLIP project for \$573,578.00.

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. 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