

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 1, 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"/> Ward 3 Councilmember - VACANT
<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 January 18, 2021.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 2-1-21:** Covering 2021 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 1-29-21:** Covering payroll ending January 23, 2021 in the amount of \$307,375.00.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Change of Date for the Next Regular Council Meeting:** The next regular council meeting falls on Presidents Day, February 15, 2021, which is a Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- 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.

1. **Most Generous City:** Mackenzie Mitchell, Development & Communications Coordinator with the Golden Belt Community Foundation would like to address the Governing Body.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Councilmember Ward 3 Appointment and Oath of Office:** The Councilmember Interview Committee recommends appointing Davis Jimenez as the 3rd Ward Councilmember Representative with the term ending January 2023. City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer will administer the Oath of Office.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Davis Jimenez as the 3rd Ward Councilmember Representative with the term ending January 2023 as recommended by the committee.

- 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:** Property Maintenance Enforcement Manager Austin LaViolette will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

- 7. Levee Repairs:** The Arkansas River levee west of Kiowa Road has experienced bank erosion and is in need of repair. The City has secured grant funding assistance through the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection Program. The grant will reimburse 75% of the total project costs. The project was first advertised for bid on October 5, 2020 in accordance with typical bid procedures (public notice, posting to the City's website, direct solicitation of known earthwork contractors, etc.). The first bid opening included one bidder who was significantly over the budget amount. Staff rejected the bid based on budget. Upon completion of a value engineering exercise, the project was re-advertised on December 15, 2020. However, the results were similar, and the bids were rejected due to being significantly over budget. Eakin Enterprises has approached the City with a proposal for Council consideration to

complete the work within budget at a total project cost of \$138,236. However, they require a project start & completion date that falls outside of the timeframe allowed by NRCS. NRCS has approved their proposal in principle and a request for a time extension has been submitted.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the proposal from Eakin Enterprises for a project cost of \$138,236.

ADJOURNMENT