

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 16, 2020

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 Barry Bowers	<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 Dana Dawson
<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 November 2, 2020.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 11-16-20:** Covering 2020 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 11-6-20:** Covering payroll ending October 31, 2020 in the amount of \$333,753.61.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Street Closure:** Close Adams from 17th to 19th and Jefferson from 18th to 19th on December 5, 2020 from 12:30-3:00pm for the Drive Thru Santa's Workshop.
- 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. **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/CVB Director Christina Hayes will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

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

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **GBED Inc. Data & Strategy Proposal:** Great Bend has a great opportunity in a rare time of great economic shift to purchase a strategic plan that provides us with the data and professional consultation that will allow us to focus our efforts and recruit more effectively. The two proposed companies will provide the insight for us to look at all sectors of business in the city as well as our programs and presentation to offer us a fully developed plan-of-action for executing the vision. This will enable us to be a competitive player in this time of major economic and geographic shifting within the nation. Gruen and Gruen Associates will provide a survey and business strategy for \$9,500, and Retail Strategies will provide a in-market workshop, market analysis, downtown strategic plan and retail academy for \$30,000 for a total cost of \$39,500. GBED Inc. President Sara Hayden will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the proposal from Gruen and Gruen Associates for \$9,500 and the proposal from Retail Strategies for \$30,000 for a total cost of \$39,500.

ADJOURNMENT

WORK SESSION AGENDA 11/16/2020

1. **Recreational Vehicle Parking**
2. **Boarded Windows**