

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 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 February 22, 2022.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 3-7-22:** Covering 2022 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 2-25-22:** Covering payroll ending February 19, 2022, in the amount of \$420,951.40.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **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. Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

- 4. Abatements:** Code Enforcement Art Keffer will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

- 5. Water Department Skid Steer:** We are looking to replace our 1996 Gehl Skid Steer with 2230 hours. We have received 3 bids from KanEquip, White Star, and John Deere. John Deere is the local bid and is within 5%, yet the White Star bid is the lowest bid at \$54,044.06. Public Works already has 2 Bobcat skid steers from White Star with attachments that can be shared across the departments, thus producing savings for future purchases. All bidders have given us trade-in values, but White Star gave the largest trade-in value at \$10,500 for our current skid steer. Expected delivery time is approximately 6 to 9 months. Funding for this is coming from money set aside through the capital outlay and 2021-year end transfers. Public Works Director Jason Cauley will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid for a skidsteer from White Star for \$54,044.06.

- 6. Water Department Backhoe:** We are looking to replace our 2002 John Deere 310 SG with 3992 hours. We have received 3 bids from KanEquip, Foley, and John Deere. John Deere is the preferred bid with a purchase price of \$101,772.00. The Caterpillar bid, though lower, is for a smaller machine than the one we currently own. Cat does not make a machine comparable to ours. With the smaller machine it is not able to support or carry the weight that is needed for our work. All dealers have given us \$20,000 for trade-in value for our current tractor. The trade-in value is contingent on the condition of the tractor at time of delivery of the new backhoe and not to exceed 600 hours of additional use. Expected delivery time is approximately 6 to 9 months. Funding for this is coming from money set aside through the capital outlay and 2021-year end transfers. Public Works Director Jason Cauley will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid for a backhoe from John Deere for \$101,772.00.

- 7. Fee Schedule:** Administration and departments of the city proposed moving most of the city's fees and charges into a master Fee schedule resolution that would put the fees on one place and subject to amendment by resolution.

Ordinance 4382, creates a new code section that authorizes the setting of fees by a Master Fee Schedule resolution. This ordinance needs past first. At the next meeting, the resolution can be passed setting the new fees and then Ordinance 4383 can be passed, which removes fees now set out in the code and amends the code sections to state that the fees are set by the Master Fee Schedule Resolution. City Attorney Allen Glendenning will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Ordinance Number 4382, establishing a master fee schedule.

8. **Public Safety Retirement:** The citizens recently approved a .20% sales tax increase to fund improvements to the retirement for uniformed police and fire personnel. Three options have been presented for consideration: Kansas Police and Fire, Augment current Mission Square Money Purchase Plan, or create new Mission Square Profit-Sharing Plan. If the council selects option 1 (KP&F), the attached resolution to affiliate with KP&F will need to be passed. If either option 2 or 3 are selected, then further discussion and a subsequent vote will need to occur to finalize the plan details. City Administrator Kendal Francis will report.

Recommendation: Take appropriate action.

ADJOURNMENT