

# GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2023

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:

___ Mayor Cody Schmidt	___ Councilmember Cory Urban
___ Councilmember Kevyn Soupiset	___ Councilmember Lindsey Krom-Craven
___ Councilmember Rickee Maddox	___ Councilmember Natalie Towns
___ Councilmember Alan Moeder	___ Councilmember Davis Jimenez
___ Councilmember Jolene Biggs	___ Attorney Allen Glendenning
___ Administrator Brandon Anderson	___ Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer
___ Assistant Administrator Logan Burns	

## OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on November 20, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 12-4-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 12-1-23:** Covering payroll ending November 25, 2023, in the amount of \$445,884.92.
- 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 Brandon Anderson will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

3. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Information item.

4. **Abatements:** Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Kayak Rentals:** The Great Bend CVB along with the Great Bend Recreation Commission will be asking the Council for permission to use Veterans Park Lake for the location of a kayak rental kiosk to be managed by Rent.fun, LLC. The costs will be covered by a grant secured by the CVB and the balance will be paid by the Recreation Commission. CVB Director Christina Hayes will report.

Recommendation: Motion to grant permission to use the Veterans Park Lake as site for kayak rental kiosk and approve the master services agreement with Rent.fun, LLC.

6. **Venture Aggregates Lease Agreement:** We currently have a lease agreement for this tract of land with K&O Railroad and within the agreement they are supposed to ask permission to sublet. They have been subletting this lease to Venture as a pass through and in discussions with both K&O and Venture it was decided that the cleaner agreement would be directly with Venture and a longer-term agreement would allow Venture to comfortably invest in the property and make upgrades needed. The 20-year lease also has a 10-year extension allowed as long as both parties are agreeable when that time comes. This new lease has been accepted by Venture and we are working with K&O to finalize the termination simultaneously. The lease rate proposed was achieved by a submittal from Venture by Keller Real Estate to help ascertain "fair market" value. Venture will pay \$500 per month for the first ten years and then pay \$600 per month for the next 10 years. City Administrator Brandon Anderson will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the lease agreement with Venture Aggregates as presented.

7. **SRCA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** The SCRA operated the drag strip under an agreement that expired on December 31, 2022. A one-year agreement was negotiated for 2023, which expires December 31, 2023. Since the track is not operating, there is no need for an operating agreement, pending the outcome of the pending legal actions and a rebuild of the track. Thus, responsibility for the track will revert to the city at the conclusion of the current operating agreement. However, the SRCA has equipment and chemicals stored at the track and has requested that it be allowed to keep it there pending the outcome of the legal actions. There is no good reason to force a move of the equipment and chemicals as they will be needed at the track when the track resumes operation. The attached MOU sets out the agreement negotiated with the SRCA. City Attorney Allen Glendenning will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the MOU with SRCA.

## **ADJOURNMENT**