

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 18, 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:

<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 Rickee Maddox	<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 Brandon Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Administrator Logan Burns	

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 4, 2023.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 12-18-23:** Covering 2023 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 12-15-23:** Covering payroll ending December 9, 2023, in the amount of \$526,932.09.
- 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 Monday January 1, 2024, which is the New Years Holiday observed by the City. It is recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
- 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. **CVB/Community Coordinator Report:** Community Coordinator Christina Hayes will present her monthly report.

Recommendation: Information item.

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

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park:** After the success of the Wall that Heals this past summer in Great Bend, this group banded together to discuss, plan, and design a memorial to be placed in Veterans Park with the City of Great Bend's permission. The monument would be a constant reminder and remembrance of Vietnam Veterans. The cost for the project is being covered through grants, current donations and about 1/3 of the money left to be solicited through fundraising. The city would be responsible for powering the lights to the memorial and taking care of the irrigation system. Both these items could be handled by the city with very little added expense. City Administrator Brandon Anderson will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the placement of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park as presented.

6. **2023 Year End Transfers:** Attached is the proposed listing of the 2023 nonbudgeted transfers in the amount of \$1,550,000. The listed projects are what we are earmarking the money for, however, the money does not have to be used for these projects and can be transferred back to the general fund if needed. City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the 2023 nonbudgeted transfers in the amount of \$1,550,000.

- 7. Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal:** We have made Gallagher our broker for our Property and Liability coverage because we felt a change was needed to a more aggressive and involved effort to ensure our coverage is updated and current but even more importantly with the large storm claim we are currently processing would ensure our ability to maintain coverage for the City of Great Bend. Discussion will contain coverage, rate changes and all other pertinent information used during this process of renewal. City Administrator Brandon Anderson and Regional Director Charlie Herr will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 property & casualty insurance as presented.

- 8. Zarah Lofts:** Justin Pregont with Pomeroy Development will address the Governing Body about the Zarah Lofts RHID, MIH-ARPA Agreement, and the Loan Agreement.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution 121823-, considering establishing a RHID with the city and setting the public hearing for February 5, 2024. Motion to authorize the Mayor and/or City Administrator to execute the MIH-ARPA Agreement and Proceeds Payment Agreement with the KHRC relating to the multi-family housing development planned at the historic Zarah Hotel in downtown Great Bend. Motion to Authorize the Mayor and/or City Administrator to execute the loan agreement with the Lofts at Zarah, LLC relating to the multi-family housing development planned at the historic Zarah Hotel in downtown Great Bend.

ADJOURNMENT