

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 2024

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 Tina Mingenback
<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 February 20, 2024.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 3-4-24:** Covering 2024 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 2-23-24:** Covering payroll ending February 3, 2024, in the amount of \$529,894.54.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Fireworks Show at Great Bend Sports Complex:** Approval for the Great Bend Recreation to include a fireworks show on March 23, 2024 after the flashlight easter egg hunt event at the Sports Complex.
- f) **Tree Trimmers License:** David Villalpando, DBA Let's Mow It, LLC, out of Great Bend, Kansas, has applied for a tree trimmers license. All requirements of the ordinance have been completed and recommend approval.
- g) **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 wish to

Speak by abiding by the 3-minute limit. If a large group is present for the same topic, the mayor, in his discretion, may ask that you elect 1 spokesperson, and he could allow a longer time for that individual to speak.

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: Informational item.

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

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Public Hearing for Dangerous Building – 2421 12th Street:** An investigation was conducted from public right-of-way on the accessory structure. The building inspector's letter referencing the deficiencies is attached for your reference. Deficiencies include leaning walls due to braced wall conditions, deteriorating materials, and roof exposure. The first resolution that was passed January 15, 2024, was mailed certified to the owners/lien holders, however, the Certified Letter came back unclaimed. A letter was also sent via first class mail, and we also posted the resolution on the property. There was no answer at the door when we posted the resolution. The structure would need to be repaired or razed on April 5, 2024. Assistant City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution 030424-.

6. **Public Hearing for Dangerous Building – 1622 19th Street:** An investigation was conducted from public right-of-way on the accessory structure. The building inspector's letter referencing the deficiencies is attached for your reference. Deficiencies include overhead door damage and roof structure exposure from missing sheathing. The first resolution that was passed January 15, 2024 was mailed certified to the owners/lien holders, however, the Certified Letter came back unclaimed. A letter was also sent via first class mail and we also posted

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Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution 030424-.

7. **Request to the Planning Commission to Begin Work on Amending Zoning Regulations for Solar Farms and Battery Storage Facilities within the 3-mile Jurisdiction of Great Bend:** At our last meeting, we were given a presentation on a proposed Solar Farm and Battery Storage Project in which portions of the project lie within the 3-Mile Jurisdiction of the City of Great Bend. Barton County is currently working on its Zoning regulations and at the end of Mr. Stratton's presentation he asked that the City of Great Bend consider doing the same to get those regulations in place to allow them to decide if they would choose to move forward under the new rules. City Administrator Brandon Anderson will report.

Recommendation: Motion to request Planning Commission to begin work on amending zoning to include solar farms and battery storage and when completed bring changes to the City Council for consideration.

8. **Economic Development Incentive Request:** An application for an extension of a property tax exemption was made by Fuller Industries, Inc on January 11, 2024. This had been a discussion ongoing since December of 2022. When the application was received, it was first referred to the Economic Development Incentive Committee for consideration and review. The Committee met on Tuesday, February 27th at 4:00 p.m. The finding of the committee was that the application is not worthy of further consideration under section 5 item #2 of the Tax Exemptions and Incentives Policy and Procedures. This is not a New Business as stated in the application. City Administrator Brandon Anderson will report.

Recommendation: Motion to deny the application for extension of the property tax exemption for economic development purposes from Fuller Industries, Inc.

9. **Executive Session:** An executive session has been requested to discuss personnel matters concerning non-elected personnel for the review of the executive teams performance evaluations.

Recommendation: A motion to recess to executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters concerning non-elected personnel for the review of the executive teams performance evaluations under K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1). The regular meeting will resume at __:__p.m.

ADJOURNMENT