

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 15, 2025

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 Gary Parr
<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 Logan Burns	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 1, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 12-15-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 11-28-25:** Covering payroll ending November 22, 2025, in the amount of \$580,425.46.
- 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 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 Logan Burns will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

3. **CVB/Public Relations Report:** CVB Director Amanda Gaddis and Public Relations Director Addison Crites will present their monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **2026 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal:** Gallagher will present the 2026 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the 2026 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal as presented.

5. **SRCA Loan Forgiveness:** During the budget work session in July 2025, discussions were had with City Council to forgive the loan given to SRCA during the construction of the previous dragstrip for the concrete crash walls. The total amount of the loan was \$156,195 and SRCA made annual payments in the amount of \$16,000 at 0% interest. The current balance is \$124,195. With the reconstruction of the dragstrip and tower currently taking place and the settlements from the lawsuit, this would be the formal step needed to forgive the loan to SRCA. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve forgiving the loan to SRCA in the amount of \$124,195.

6. **Notice and Protest Period for Pool GO Bond:** Before the City approves the contract with JEO for the proposed pool design, the Council must first authorize publication and initiation of the notice and protest period for a potential general obligation (GO) bond to fund the project. For recreation-related improvements, if the City has an existing sales tax whose revenues can be pledged to the project, it may proceed under K.S.A. 12-195b. This statute requires publishing a notice once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Great Bend Tribune. The project is then subject to a 30-day protest period in which at least 5% of electors who voted in the most recent general election may file a protest petition. Any GO bonds issued would count toward the City's debt limit. The City currently has a 0.15% quality-of-life sales tax, and a new pool was one of the priorities identified

in the quality-of-life survey. A bond project tied to this revenue source is planned for 2027. Last year, the sales tax generated just under \$730,000, and the City conservatively budgets \$715,000 annually. The estimated annual bond payment is approximately \$566,000 over 20 years, with interest rates that may vary from year to year. If a valid protest petition is filed, it could delay or potentially prevent the issuance of bonds for the project. Approval of the publication will formally begin the protest period. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve starting the notice and protest for the pool GO bond.

- 7. Pool Concept and JEO Design Contract:** As part of the quality-of-life CIP, a bond project was proposed starting in 2027 and discussions were held this year about building a new pool as the current pool was built in 1936. A pool committee was formed by the Council, and we had 4 meetings with concepts and feedback from each concept. The current concept shows what the committee felt was the best approach to replace the aging pool that has outlasted its lifespan and gives a fresh new look along with several amenities that they felt the community wanted. The existing feature slides and shallow water area on the northeast side will remain and will need to be gel-coated and re-painted. The proposed pool currently sits at 11,047 SF, slightly down from the existing 11,992 SF and features amenities such as a 215' long lazy river, 1M and 3M diving boards, a 34' tall fly-time slide, a 31' tall open-body slide, basketball goal, climbing wall, 8 swimming lanes, ADA slides, spray features and multiple areas of shade positioned around the pool. The contract with JEO will consist of topographic survey, design of pool concrete, pool amenities and features and site design. The city will be responsible for geotechnical services that we will need to provide. JEO will also conduct the bidding and permitting and construction administration throughout the project. There is a current allowance of 600 hours or \$150,000 in resident project representation that will consist of reviewing site progress, special inspections, documenting onsite observations and reports, providing record drawings and as-built plans at the end of construction. This allowance DOES NOT mean we will use the entire budget, and we can save money on the project if we do not need the hours allotted. The lump sum as outlined in the fee proposal consists of \$575,000 for design, \$30,000 for bidding/permitting, and \$100,000 for construction administration for a total of \$705,000. The \$150,000 for RPR is an hourly allowance as discussed above. The total estimated project cost for the pool is \$8.3 million, and the bidding phase is looking to take place in August 2026 with construction starting September 2026 and opening end of May 2027. The hope is to start construction sooner if design allows but we will plan to be open the entire 2026 pool season. The total cost of the project at this point is expected to be approximately \$9,155,000 with the hopes of saving money when the project is bid. The costs will be paid from the .15% quality-of-life sales tax fund with an approximate bond payment around \$560,000 per year for 20 years with varying interest rates. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the design concept for the proposed pool and approval of the design contract with JEO for \$705,000 with an allowance of \$150,000 for resident project representation (RPR).

8. Tax Levy Discussion: Councilmember Jolene Biggs will report.

Recommendation: Take appropriate action.

ADJOURNMENT