

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 2026

5:30 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/cityofgreatbend/>.

AGENDA

Members present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Alan Moeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Shelly Arnberger
<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 Shelly Peacock	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Davis Jimenez
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Jay Luerman	<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 June 15, 2026.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 7-6-26:** Covering 2026 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 6-26-2026:** Covering payroll ending June 20, 2026, in the amount of \$617,920.69.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Moeder will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Resolution 070626-A – 2026 GAAP Waiver:** Approval of Resolution 070626-A, requesting a GAAP Waiver for 2026. Each year the City requests a waiver from the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for the reporting of Cities financial statements and to allow the City to use the regulatory basis of accounting under the Kansas Municipal Audit & Accounting Guide (KMAAG).
- f) **Resolution 070626-B – Consumption of Alcohol at Veteran's Memorial Park in Al Burns Field:** Approval of Resolution 070626-B, to allow consumption of alcohol at Veteran's Memorial Park in Al Burns Field during the Bat Cats games the months of May, June, July and August.
- g) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Members of the public are welcome to comment on items not listed on the agenda. **Please sign up prior to the meeting or contact City Hall in advance to be added to the speaker list.** When addressing the Council, please direct your comments to the City Council as a whole and be mindful of others wishing to speak by adhering to the three-minute time limit. If a large group is present on the same topic, the Mayor, at his discretion, may request that a single spokesperson be selected and may allow additional 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. Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Jason Kuilan will present his monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

- 4. Public Hearing – Adoption of STAR Bond Project Plan:** As part of the STAR Bond process, a public hearing shall be had to consider adoption of the STAR Bond project plan within the boundaries of the Great Bend Municipal Airport and the 10th Street Redevelopment District at 3017 10th Street. The public hearing will receive public comment on the proposed project plan and after conclusion of the public hearing, consider the passage of ordinance 4473 adopting the project plan by a 2/3 majority vote of the Great Bend City Council. The STAR Bond project plan is described in a general way as a major multi-sport athletic complex, and a major commercial entertainment and tourism area that will include enhancements to the SRCA dragstrip, a dragstrip racing museum, event center, a hotel and related entertainment, restaurant and retail sales. Adoption of the STAR Bond project plan by the City Council is not binding and only approves the project plan as the financing structure is subject to approval by the voters of Great Bend in November for the passage of a sales tax to make the annual general obligation bond payments. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to adopt Ordinance 4473, to adopt the STAR Bond project plan.

- 5. Resolution of Support for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application:** City of Great Bend staff are requesting authorization to submit a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application through the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for the redevelopment of Wetlands Waterpark. The City is seeking \$2 million in grant funding to assist with an approximately \$9 million project that will replace the original 1936 waterpark with a modern aquatic facility featuring several new amenities, ADA-accessible improvements, and other supporting site improvements. This investment will help provide a high-quality recreational amenity for residents and visitors while extending the life of one of the City's most popular community assets. Adoption of this resolution authorizes the City Administrator to submit the grant application and act as the City's official representative throughout the application process. The resolution also commits the City to providing the required local matching funds and any additional project costs if the grant is awarded, maintaining and operating the facility for public recreation, and complying with all applicable federal and state Land and Water Conservation Fund requirements. The resolution further affirms that the property will remain dedicated to public outdoor recreation use in accordance with program requirements. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution 070626-C, authorizing submission of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application for the Wetlands Waterpark Redevelopment Project and authorizing the City Administrator to execute all documents and take any actions necessary to complete the application process.

- 6. Employee Handbook:** The Employee Handbook was revised in 2019 and again in 2023. Over time, it becomes necessary to review and revise our Employee Handbook and 2026 is the year for another revision. Once approved by council, all employees will receive a digital and/or hard copy to the new handbook and will be required to sign an acknowledgment that they have received a copy. Human Resource Director Randy Keasling will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the 2026 Employee Handbook with an effective date of August 1, 2026.

- 7. Approval of Garver Amendment to Runway 11/29 Design:** To comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant obligations, the attached Amendment 1 for \$35,100.00 to Work Order #2 agreement with Garver (4/20/26), will add \$877.50 to the City's share (2.5%) of the design project. The AGIS requirement was added to the project by the FAA on June 15. The Council approved Work Order #2 on 4/20/26. Airport Manager Martin Miller will report.

Recommendation: Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Garver's Work Order #2, Amendment #1 for \$35,100.00.

- 8. Purchase of 2019 Ford F750 Dump Truck:** With replacement parts becoming increasingly difficult to locate for older dump trucks in the Public Works fleet, staff believe it is necessary to begin updating aging equipment. Staff contacted United Rentals in Hays, Kansas, to locate a dump truck similar to the one purchased by

the Utilities Department in February. The identified vehicle is available for purchase at a cost of \$56,999.00 and does not require a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to operate. Currently, Public Works has three employees in the process of obtaining their CDL licenses and one employee who is unable to obtain a CDL. The addition of this truck will provide greater operational flexibility and eliminate the need to borrow non-CDL vehicles from other departments to complete daily work assignments. Both Public Works mechanics have visually inspected and test-driven the truck and recommend moving forward with the purchase. Public Works Director David Dunekack will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of the dump truck from United Rentals for \$56,999.00.

- 9. Purchase of 2.50 Cubic Yard Grapple Bucket:** Public Works currently operates and maintains three-wheel loaders, including two Caterpillar loaders and one Volvo loader. The grapple buckets currently in service are not interchangeable between the Caterpillar and Volvo equipment. Currently, the Caterpillar grapple bucket is out of service awaiting repair parts, leaving the department with only one operational grapple bucket available for use. Due to the recent storm damage and the increased demand for debris removal, staff recommends the purchase of an additional grapple bucket for the Caterpillar loaders from DYMAX INC. at a cost of \$33,337.50. DYMAX INC. was the only vendor to provide a quote. Staff also contacted Caterpillar regarding the purchase; however, Caterpillar advised that they do not manufacture grapple buckets and would obtain pricing from DYMAX INC. on the City's behalf. Funding for this purchase will come from the remaining balance originally budgeted for the 2019 dump truck purchase. The additional grapple bucket will improve operational efficiency, provide equipment redundancy, and ensure staff can continue debris removal and other essential operations without interruption when repairs are needed. Public Works Director David Dunekack report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of the grapple bucket from DYMAX INC. for \$33,337.50.

- 10. Security and Camera Upgrades at WWTP:** Staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for security camera and access control upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project is intended to enhance facility security, protect critical infrastructure, and provide a modern, NDAA-compliant surveillance and access control system. A total of five bids were received and evaluated. The lowest responsive bid was submitted by Hammeke Electric in the amount of \$49,109.50. Staff recommend awarding the project to Hammeke Electric to complete the proposed security and access control improvements. Utilities Director Darren Doonan will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid of the security and camera upgrades at WWTP from Hammeke Electric for \$49,109.50.

- 11. Vacuum Truck Trade Package:** Staff is requesting approval to trade in the existing 2018 Peterbilt Vactor and purchase a replacement 2025 Vactor 2100i

from Key Equipment at a cost of \$494,064.47. As part of evaluating repair and replacement options, the current unit was inspected and several additional deficiencies were identified. Given the age, condition, and increasing maintenance needs of the truck, staff believe that investing additional funds into repairs is not the most cost-effective long-term solution. The Vactor truck is a critical piece of utility infrastructure used for sewer cleaning, maintenance, and emergency response activities. Replacing the existing unit will improve reliability, reduce downtime and maintenance costs, and ensure staff has dependable equipment available to maintain the City's utility system. Based on the condition of the current truck and the City's planned equipment replacement schedule, staff recommends proceeding with the trade-in and purchase of the new 2025 Vactor 2100i. Staff has currently set aside \$120,000 toward the purchase of a new Vactor truck. To fund the remaining cost, staff propose reallocating budgeted capital outlay funds from the Rotary Thickener project (\$133,500) and the Sludge Truck replacement (\$120,000) as those items are no longer needed. The remaining \$120,564.47 would be funded using proceeds received from the PFAS settlement funds. Utilities Director Darren Doonan will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of the 2025 Vactor 2100i Truck from Key Equipment for \$494,064.47.

12. Mayors' Comments: Mayor Moeder will report.

ADJOURNMENT