

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 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/gbcitycouncil/>.

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 February 17, 2026.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 3-2-26:** Covering 2026 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 2-20-2026:** Covering payroll ending February 14, 2026, in the amount of \$575,615.51.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Moeder will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Fire Department Township Contracts:** The City of Great Bend annually enters into contracts with the Townships of Liberty, Buffalo, Great Bend and South Bend to provide the fire service on an annual basis. The new contract rate for the 2026 year includes a 3% increase over the 2025 contracts. The township's contract runs from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027.
- f) **Bill Authorization for March 16, 2026:** In the event a quorum is not present at the regular City Council meeting scheduled for March 16, 2026, and no meeting is held, the Governing Body authorizes the Finance Department to process and pay bills as necessary.
- g) **Street Closure:** Close Lakin Avenue from Main Street to Williams Street for the Rocky Mountain Race Week so that the cars can be staged on both sides of the street for public view on June 5, 2026, from 4pm to 8:00pm.
- h) **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. Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Jason Kuilan will present his monthly report

Recommendation: Informational item.

- 4. Golf Cart Ordinance:** The City of Great Bend is re-evaluating its ordinance regarding the operation of golf carts on designated city streets. Following a review and discussion with the Mayor, City Administrator and Troy McFerron, several modifications have been recommended to limit golf cart access on higher-traffic corridors and enhance public safety. Under the revised proposal, golf carts would be prohibited from operating on any state or federal highway, connecting link, and specified arterial streets within the city, including Broadway east of Patton, 24th Street, McKinley, Harrison south of 24th Street, Washington, and Patton north of 10th Street. Operation would be permitted only on streets with posted speed limits of 30 miles per hour or less. Golf carts would, however, be allowed to cross restricted roadways at designated intersections. The ordinance would also permit night-time operation, as all golf carts operating within the city must be equipped with the lighting and signaling devices required under the ordinance. Additional amendments strengthen safety and regulatory requirements. Golf carts equipped with rear-facing seats would be required to have seat belts installed and utilized. Registration stickers would be issued by the Chief of Police following inspection to ensure compliance. Required safety equipment would include operational headlights, brake lights, turn signals, seat belts where applicable, and a properly displayed slow-moving vehicle emblem. All owners would be required to maintain liability insurance and pay the applicable registration fee of \$30 as established in

the City's Master Fee Schedule. Operators must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's license while operating a golf cart within city limits. City Administrator Logan Burns and Troy McFerren will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve ordinance 4467 and the proposed map of streets not allowed for golf carts.

- 5. Pavement Management Plan:** On February 17, 2026, following the regular City Council meeting, the City of Great Bend conducted a work session to formally introduce the Pavement Management Plan (PMP) prepared by JEO Consulting Group, the City's on-call engineering firm. The purpose of the session was to provide the governing body with a comprehensive overview of the City's current pavement conditions, long-term maintenance needs, and a structured strategy for preserving one of the community's most valuable public assets. Great Bend currently maintains approximately 121 centerline miles of paved public streets. The total estimated replacement value of this infrastructure is \$374 million, underscoring the scale of the City's investment in its transportation network. Based on the most recent system-wide assessment, the network has an overall Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of 77.7%, which indicates that the majority of streets are in good condition. However, without a proactive and systematic maintenance program, pavement conditions can decline rapidly and become significantly more expensive to rehabilitate or reconstruct. The Pavement Management Plan establishes an objective, data-driven framework for prioritizing street improvements. Rather than reacting to visible failures or relying solely on anecdotal concerns, the PMP uses condition data, lifecycle cost analysis, and performance modeling to recommend the right treatment at the right time. This approach maximizes the return on taxpayer investment by emphasizing preventive maintenance strategies—such as crack sealing, microsurfacing, and mill and overlay—before streets deteriorate to the point of requiring full reconstruction. The plan includes a 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), divided into three implementation phases. Each phase outlines recommended pavement treatments based on condition ratings, traffic volumes, and projected deterioration curves. In addition to guiding annual budgeting decisions, the PMP provides a transparent and defensible methodology for project selection. This enhances communication with the public and supports long-term financial planning by clearly illustrating the funding levels required to maintain current conditions versus those needed to improve overall system performance. Public Works Director David Dunekack will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the JEO Consulting Group Pavement Management Plan (PMP).

- 6. JEO Contract for SRF Project:** The City of Great Bend has received approval for an \$800,000 SRF loan for the Airport Lift Station Rehabilitation project, with approximately \$480,000 eligible for forgiveness. JEO Consulting Group, Inc. was identified as the engineering consultant in the approved SRF application, and the \$111,600 engineering fee was included in the loan request. Approval of this agreement will allow the project to move forward in compliance with SRF requirements. Utilities Director Darren Donnan will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for \$111,600.00 for the SRF Project.

7. **2026 Compensation Study:** Our last Compensation study was conducted in 2018. Since that time, we have adjusted the City's pay scale a number of times. However, with the staffing challenges continuing and our desire to make City jobs appealing as applicants compare wages and to retain our current staff, we feel the time has come to complete a new compensation study. The city received 13 bids for this study and Staff is recommending the low bid from Evergreen Solutions LLC for a total fixed cost of \$32,000. This includes 2 onsite meetings, one for kickoff and then the other for the final report to the Governing Body. The city also reached out to multiple references and each of them had raving reviews. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the low bid from Evergreen Solutions LLC for \$32,000 for a compensation study.

8. **Mayors' Comments:** Mayor Moeder will report.

ADJOURNMENT