

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 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:

☐ Mayor Alan Moeder	☐ Councilmember Shelly Arnberger
☐ Councilmember Kevyn Soupiset	☐ Councilmember Gary Parr
☐ Councilmember Rickee Maddox	☐ Councilmember Tina Mingenback
☐ Councilmember Shelly Peacock	☐ Councilmember Davis Jimenez
☐ Councilmember Jay Luerman	☐ Attorney Allen Glendenning
☐ Administrator Logan Burns	☐ Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on July 20, 2026.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 8-3-26:** Covering 2026 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 7-24-2026:** Covering payroll ending July 18, 2026, in the amount of \$593,254.79.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Moeder will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Street Closure:** Close Forest Street from Williams Street to Main Street for the Great Bend Tribune 150th Anniversary on August 11, 2026, from 12pm-8pm.
- f) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Dragstrip Amendment No. 4:** Following the completion of the SRCA Dragstrip racing surface and timing tower, the installation of the epoxy flooring in the timing tower marked the final milestone of the project. The attached documents include the Certificate of Final Completion, along with an amendment to the professional services agreement between the City of Great Bend and Bartlett & West. The original agreement provided that any project savings would be shared equally between the City and Bartlett & West. Upon final closeout, the project realized total savings of \$72,945.15. Accordingly, the attached amendment no. 4 reduces Bartlett & West's contract by \$36,472.58, representing the City's share of the project savings. Also included in your packet is Bartlett & West's final pay

application in the amount of \$36,472.57, reflecting their portion of the shared savings. This project has been an outstanding success. Since reopening, we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from racers, with many commenting that the SRCA Dragstrip is the smoothest racing surface they have ever competed on. This project would not have been possible without the dedication and collaboration of the many individuals, contractors, consultants, City staff, the SRCA, and the City Council who supported it over the past several years. We are proud to have successfully brought racing back to Great Bend and to deliver a first-class facility that will serve the community and racers for many years to come. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Amendment No.4 to the Bartlett & West agreement to amend the guaranteed maximum price to reduce the contract amount by \$36,472.58 to account for the owner portion of the project savings and approve the final pay application of \$36,472.57 to Bartlett & West.

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

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Dangerous Building Request for Public Hearing:** In May of 2025, a resolution was passed for the single-family dwelling located at 218 Pine St. to be repaired or razed and removed. The property then sold in the tax sale before work could be completed. We begin the process again. The resolution sets a public hearing date of September 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the City Council Chambers. Building Official Matt Schafer will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution 080326-B, setting the public hearing for 218 Pine.

6. **Midwest Energy Franchise Agreement – Ordinance 4474:** The City of Great Bend currently has a franchise agreement in place that will be expiring on September 5, 2026 and covers the Westport Addition in Great Bend. The purpose of the franchise agreement is to construct, operate and maintain all electric transmission and distribution lines and all necessary facilities for the use in the transmission, distribution and sale of electricity for those customers. The current franchise agreement states that Midwest Energy shall collect from the consumers and pay to the City of Great Bend an amount equal to 5 percent (5%) of the first \$100,000 of gross revenue derived from the sales of power to the City within the Westport Addition and those payments shall be made to the City monthly. Midwest Energy has proposed one change to the agreement in Section 6 that would now read that Midwest Energy shall collect from consumers and pay to the City an amount equal to 5 percent (5%) of the gross revenue derived from the sales of power to the City within the Westport Addition and those payments shall be made to the City monthly. This change will likely increase the revenue that the City would see going forward by deleting the \$100,000 maximum on the franchise fee. The amount of franchise payments over the last 3 years have averaged around \$16,000/year. City Administrator Logan Burns will report.

Recommendation: Motion to adopt Ordinance 4474 and to repeal Ordinance 4158 after September 5, 2026.

7. **Agricultural Lease Agreement:** The city received a request from Carmen Schmitt to renew the Airport Agricultural Lease Agreement. The previous lease started on 20th of April 2018. During this time, they have worked well with the city, SRCA, and other entities that use the EXPO grounds. The new lease would be for six years with an optional 2 year extension for 1000 acres. This will be at a rate of \$25.50 per acre up from \$20.50 per acre. We believe this to be fair considering the numerous mud holes and the limitations on when they can work the fields. Public Lands Director Scott Keeler will report.

Recommendation: Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agricultural Lease Agreement with Carmen Schmitt.

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

ADJOURNMENT