City of Great Bend
October 19, 2026

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers. President of the Council Jay Luerman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following presents: Councilmembers, Rickee Maddox, Shelly Peacock, Shelly Arnberger, Kevyn Soupiset, Davis Jimenez, and Gary Parr. Absent was Mayor Alan Moeder and Councilmember Tina Mingenback. Also in attendance were City Administrator Logan Burns, City Attorney Allen Glendenning and Finance Director/City Clerk Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 5, 2026.

b) **Claim's Warrant Register 10-19-26:** Covering 2026 bills to date in the amount of $2.308,997.26.

c) **Payroll Register P/R 10-16-26:** Covering payroll ending October 10, 2026, in the amount of $617,460.84.

d) **Appointments:** President of the Council Jay Luerman made no appointments.

e) **Street Closure:** Close Broadway Avenue between Kansas Avenue to Main Street from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for the Kiwanis Trunk or Treat event on October 24, 2026.

f) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Ms. Maddox made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Peacock seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no visitors or announcements.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports**: Ms. Maddox reported that the Senior Center is down two vehicles currently. Also, they are closed this week for the installation of new carpet.

2. **Administrators Update**: City Administrator Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.

3. **Public Relations Report**: Public Relations Director Evan Wedel presented his monthly report.

4. **Courthouse Square Parking Restrictions**: City Administrator Logan Burns reported that MyTown has requested the City Council remove the parking restrictions around the courthouse square that would then allow residents of the Lofts at the Zarah to park freely. The construction on the lofts is expected to be completed by the end of the year and currently, no parking is allowed around the courthouse square from 10 PM to 6 AM. There is currently Ordinance 3926 that was passed in June 1994 that restricts parking during the hours of 10 PM to 6 AM due to an issue with littering during that time and is in place on either side of Main Street from Lakin to Broadway, the north side of Lakin between Main and Kansas, the south side of Broadway from Main to Kansas and on the west side of Kansas Street from Lakin to Broadway. The proposed ordinance 4478 would repeal ordinance 3926 and would allow parking in these areas continuously. Mr. Parr made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4478, to remove parking restrictions around the courthouse square. Ms. Arnberger seconded the motion and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Jimenez voting against.

5. **Executive Session**: An executive session has been requested to discuss information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relation. The executive session shall include the Governing Body, the City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Ms. Maddox made a motion to recess into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for consultation with the city's attorney about the city's mineral interest pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The regular meeting will resume at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Parr seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting resumed at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Soupiset made a motion to authorize the city attorney to file a Notice of Lapse of the mineral interests on the property at the airport to which the city owns the surface rights. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parr and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Maddox made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peacock and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.