

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Alan Moeder called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following presents: Mayor Alan Moeder Councilmembers, Rickee Maddox, Shelly Peacock, Shelly Arnberger, Kevyn Soupiset, Jay Luerman, Davis Jimenez, Gary Parr and 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 May 4, 2026.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 5-18-26:** Covering 2026 bills to date in the amount of \$889,437.55.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 5-15-2026:** Covering payroll ending May 9, 2026, in the amount of \$587,444.05.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Moeder appointed Sarah Schenek to Central KS Community Corrections Advisory Board.
- e) **Independence Day Fireworks Show:** Authorize the Fireworks Display at the Expo Grounds on July 3, 2026 with a makeup date of July 11, 2026.
- f) **Street Closure:** Close McKinley and 17th Street Terrace starting at 9:50am for the wet/dry parade on August 8, 2026, for Party in the Park.
- g) **Street Closure:** Close 17th Street Terrace west of McKinley to White Sands Drive after the parade to midnight to utilize for extra parking and allow one-way traffic to be directed to the west on August 8, 2026, for Party in the Park.
- h) **Non-Street Legal Cars:** Allow non-street legal cars that are local car club affiliated to be able to preregister and travel no more than 12 blocks to get to the Party in the Park Car Show on August 8, 2026, for Party in the Park.
- i) **Vets Park Curfew Extension:** Authorize people to be in Vets Park past midnight on Saturday August 8, 2026, for cleanup of the Party in the Park event.
- j) **Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License:** Martha Delgadillo has applied for a Cereal Malt Beverage License for MD's Kitchen. All requirements of the ordinance have been completed and recommend approval.
- k) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hank Denning addressed the Governing Body, thanking them for their support in getting the new dragstrip completed. The first race weekend was a success with many more to come.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** Ms. Mingenback reported on her first meeting on the CVB Board.
2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **CVB Report:** CVB Director Amanda Gaddis presented her monthly report.
4. **Public Hearing Request – Adoption of STAR Bond Project:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that 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. On May 11, 2026, the Great Bend Planning Commission reviewed the proposed project plan and adopted a resolution finding that the project plan is consistent with the comprehensive plan for the development of the City. The public hearing will be held on July 6, 2026 and will receive public comment on the proposed project plan and after conclusion of the public hearing, consider the passage of an ordinance 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. Notice of the public hearing shall be mailed certified to the Barton County Commissioners and USD #428. Resolution 051826-A shall be published once in the Great Bend Tribune not less than one week nor more than two weeks preceding the date of public hearing and posted on the City of Great Bend website. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve Resolution No 051826-A, to call for a public hearing on July 6, 2026. Ms. Mingenback seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
5. **Discharge of Fireworks Permissions Options:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that the City Council has an option to allow fireworks discharge permissions that would differ from how it previously was by ordinance. The option is a broader ordinance that would allow the City Council to approve the discharge of fireworks through a resolution for specific dates. This would create a process where the Council could approve the discharge of fireworks on different dates other than July 4 when appropriate. If the Council chooses this option, a resolution will also need to be approved for this year's fireworks discharge. The attached resolution would allow the discharge of fireworks on both July 3rd and July 4th, between the hours of 10 AM and midnight being that the City of Great Bend will be celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States and the dates are on Friday and Saturday this year. In future years, a resolution would need to be brought back to Council to allow fireworks on specific dates. Christy Kuhn with T&L Fireworks and

Russell Snyder with Fireworks 4 Less approached the City Administrator, Fire Chief and Police about expanding the dates from only being able to discharge fireworks on July 4th each year. Attached in your packets is the documentation that was sent to the City Council detailing their ask of expanding the dates of discharging fireworks within the City of Great Bend city limits and are asking for dates of July 1-4 to discharge fireworks. Although the prepared resolution designates dates of July 3-4, the City Council can approve dates other than these and grant the wishes of July 1-4 if they choose. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve ordinance # 4472, regarding time and place of discharging fireworks within the city. Mr. Luerman seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Luerman then made a motion to approve a resolution allowing the discharge of fireworks on July 3rd and July 4th, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mingenback and passed with all voting in favor.

- 6. Bank Depositories:** City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer reported that we would like to seek Governing Body approval to designate all eligible banking institutions within the city as approved depositories, while authorizing the Finance Director to conduct business with those approved institutions. The purpose of this request is to provide the City with greater flexibility to manage public funds in the most financially responsible manner possible. By approving all local banking institutions in advance, the City can more efficiently evaluate and utilize available financial products and services that best meet operational and investment needs. This authority would allow the Finance Director to respond in a timely manner to changing market conditions, interest rate opportunities, and cash flow demands without requiring separate Governing Body action for each account opening or transaction. Key reasons for this approach include maximizing interest income, promoting local partnerships, enhancing operational efficiency, improving cash management, reducing administrative delays, and maintaining Governing Body oversight. This structure strikes an appropriate balance between sound governance and administrative flexibility, allowing staff to actively manage City funds in a manner that safeguards public resources while positioning the City for the strongest possible financial performance. Currently, the City has approved four banking institutions: Farmers Bank, Peoples Bank, Sunflower Bank, and Landmark National Bank. The additional institutions proposed for approval are Equity Bank, First Kansas Bank, Bank of the Plains, BMO Bank, Credit Union of America, and Central National Bank. Ms. Arnberger made a motion to designate all bank institutions within the City of Great Bend as official depositories and authorize the finance director to conduct business with those approved institutions. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with 7 voting in favor and Mr. Luerman abstaining.
- 7. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan Agreement:** Public Works Director David Dunekack reported that in 2024, the city applied for and was awarded funding through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant program to develop a comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The total amount is \$200,000, of which \$160,000 will be provided through federal funding. The city is responsible for a local match of \$40,000 to fulfill the grant requirements which was approved by the Governing Body in September 2025. On December 1, 2025, the Governing Body approved JEO, our current on call engineer, as the consulting firm for the SS4A study project. JEO is currently ready to move forward with SS4A Action Plan which requires a signed agreement between the City of Great Bend and JEO Consulting Group Inc. This project will include data gathering and analysis of the safety of Great Bend's streets for multimodal transportation alternatives, and the development of a holistic, well-defined plan to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries in the city. Mr. Luerman made a motion to approve signing the JEO Action Plan Agreement for a total cost of \$200,000, which \$160,000 will be provided through federal funding and the city will be responsible for the remaining \$40,000. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

- 8. Sales Tax Initiative Committee:** Councilmember Jay Luerman requested an agenda item to be placed on the agenda to form a committee of 4 Council members, mayor and city staff to implement a plan for educating and informing the community about the 0.75% proposed sales tax increase. It is vital that we discuss and inform Great Bend residents of the obstacles and opportunities in front of us. Mayor Moeder and Councilmember Luerman commented, stating that the committee will consist of 4 Council members, the Mayor, Logan, Shawna and Addi. Please let the mayor know if you would like to be on the committee.

- 9. Mayors' Comments:** Mayor Moeder thanked Councilmembers for coming early to have their pictures taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Soupiset made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arnberger and it passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.