

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, and Gary Parr. Absent was Tina Mingenback. Also in attendance were City Administrator Logan Burns, City Attorney Allen Glendenning and Deputy City Clerk Alison Urban.

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 in the amount of \$981,198.75.
- 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 made no appointments.
- 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:** Mayor Moeder amended the agenda to add a Pool bond discussion after item #3.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Dragstrip Amendment No. 4:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that 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. Mr. Soupiset made a 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. Ms. Arnberger seconded the motion, and it passed with all voting in favor.

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** There were no Councilmember reports.
2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization. Police Chief Steve Haulmark also provided an overview of the City's Flock Safety camera system, explaining that the cameras are designed to capture license plate information and images of vehicles. The cameras are strategically located primarily at entry points into the city to assist with public safety and criminal investigations. They are not installed within residential neighborhoods.
3. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Jason Kuilan presented his monthly report
4. **Pool Bond Discussion:** Finance Counsel David Arteberry of Stifel Nicolaus provided an update on the bond financing schedule and current market conditions.
5. **Abatements:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented the following abatement;
 - A. **821 Stone St:** There is an inoperable jeep parked on the west side of the property. Underneath the vehicle the differential housing is missing on the property that is either not displaying current registration, and/or is not inoperable condition, and that said motor vehicle(s) constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Section 10.20.030 of the Great Bend Code. This vehicle is located at 821 Stone Street and is the subject of Resolution Number 080326-A.

Ms. Maddox made a motion to approve resolution 080326-A. Mr. Luerman seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
6. **Dangerous Building Request for Public Hearing:** Building Official Matt Schafer reported that 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. Ms. Maddox made a motion to approve Resolution 080326-B, setting the public hearing for 218 Pine. Mr. Luerman seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

- 7. Midwest Energy Franchise Agreement – Ordinance 4474:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that 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. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4474 and to repeal Ordinance 4158 after September 5, 2026. Mr. Luerman seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
- 8. Agricultural Lease Agreement:** Public Lands Director Scott Keeler reported that 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. Mr. Luerman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agricultural Lease Agreement with Carmen Schmitt. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
- 9. Mayors' Comments:** Mayor Moeder reminded Great Bend residents to be patient and courteous to Venture employees as they work on city streets.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Soupiset made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arnberger and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.