

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. Absent was 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 August 17, 2026.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 8-31-26:** Covering 2026 bills to date in the amount of \$222,428.88.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 8-21-2026:** Covering payroll ending August 15, 2026, in the amount of \$600,298.10.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Moeder made no appointments.
- e) **Door to Door License:** Renuity Operations LLC, DBA Mad City Windows & Baths, out of Wichita, KS has applied for a Door to Door License (responsible person Jalen Green). All requirements of the ordinance have been completed and recommend approval.
- f) **Street Closure:** Close Lakin Avenue from Kansas to Main Street for the Kans for Hopefest 2026 on September 19, 2026, from 7am-8pm.
- g) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

Ms. Peacock made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Luerman 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:** There were no Councilmember reports.

2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Logan Burns presented an update on what is happening within the City organization.
3. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Jason Kuilan presented his monthly report.
4. **Great Bend WRRF Public Meeting:** Utilities Director Darren Doonan reported that the City applied for State Revolving Funding (SRF) pre application in May of 2026 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation project. We received approval from KDHE stating we are selected for the 2027 intended use plan to apply for a loan in the amount of \$26,316,800.00, with an estimated loan forgiveness amount of \$1,000,000.00. To remain eligible for this funding, the City must submit a full loan application, including a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), to KDHE by October 15, 2026. This meeting is intended to be a review of the report and allow for public comments regarding the report.
5. **Great Bend WRRF Public Hearing:** Utilities Director Darren Doonan reported that as part of the SRF application process city is required to have a public hearing followed by the public meeting. This allows the city to present city selected improvements for the funding application. The Public Hearing is focused on the proposed project, funding, and any rate impacts. Mayor Moeder opened the public hearing. Ms. Maddox made a motion to close public hearing. Ms. Arnberger seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve Resolution 083126-A. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
7. **Adoption of the 2026 Edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC):** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that the 2026 edition of the UPOC makes five substantive changes: (1) making it unlawful to approach or remain within 25 feet of a first responder engaged in performance of their duties under certain circumstances; (2) increases the mandatory jail sentence for a second domestic battery conviction from 5 days to 20 days, in accordance with the same change in state statutes; (3) allowing citizens to capture feral cats, have them spayed neutered and/or vaccinated and release them where they were caught, without being charged with animal cruelty; (4) Making certain crimes felonies -- theft of a motor vehicle with a value of \$500 or more, theft of cattle, horses or an implement of husbandry; theft of 400 or more bushels of grain or 20,000 or more pounds of hay; and (5) prohibiting acquiring or retaining possession, without consent, or tampering with, gift cards. The city attorney has consulted with the police department concerning any suggested changes. None were requested. Ordinance 4462 continues the local amendments from prior years. Mr. Luerman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4476, 2026 UPOC with existing local amendments. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.
8. **Adoption of the 2026 Edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO):** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that the 2026 edition of the STO makes three substantive changes: (1) prohibiting the use of cell phones in school and construction zones unless stopped or using a hands free device; (2) allowing vehicles engaged in highway construction to display flashing lights of various colors; and (3) allowing for the removal and impoundment of any vehicle left on a roadway that is interfering with law enforcement activity. Local amendments incorporate the golf cart regulations passed by the Council in March of 2026. The police department has become concerned with the public safety issues presented by the increase of motorized bicycles and electric assisted bicycles and scooters on city streets. To address those concerns, local amendments have been made

that: (1) Restricts the streets in Great Bend on which electric assist scooters may be operated; (2) Imposes a helmet requirement on riders and operators under the age of 18; (3) Restricts the speed at which electric assisted scooters may be operated; and (4) Imposes lighting and braking equipment requirements. Finally, this ordinance continues the local amendments from previous years. Ms. Peacock made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4477, 2026 STO. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

- 9. University of Kansas Health System Drainage Easement Amendment:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that the University of Kansas Health System (UKHS) has reached out regarding the existing drainage easement on its property and is requesting an amendment to the easement that requires approval by the City Council. UKHS is planning to construct a parking lot over a portion of the easement. While surface improvements within the easement have historically been allowed by common practice, UKHS has requested that this allowance be formally clarified in writing. Allen Glendenning has reviewed the existing easement and added language that clearly acknowledges the presence of the sanitary sewer line within the easement. The proposed amendment also permits UKHS to construct a surface parking lot within the easement area, provided the improvements do not interfere with the drainage, storm sewer, or sanitary sewer infrastructure. Approval of the amendment will provide additional clarity regarding the permitted use of the easement and allow UKHS to proceed with construction of the parking lot while preserving the City's rights and access to the existing infrastructure. Ms. Arnberger made a motion to approve the amendment to the drainage easement with UKHS. Mr. Luerman seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

- 10. Façade Improvement Grant Awards:** City Administrator Logan Burns reported that the City of Great Bend has partnered with Barton County this year for the Façade Improvement Grant program and has pledged \$60,000 for 2026 awards. Furthermore, Great Bend has budgeted \$60,000 in the 2027 budget to continue with façade grants. \$60,000 for both 2026 and 2027 will be paired with the County for a total of \$120,000 each year. In the first round of applications for 2026, the city and county received a total of 8 applications for Great Bend. The applicants include Animal Care Hospital, EBH & Associates, American Family Insurance, Kansas Sportsman/Red Cedar Land Co., Charlie's Place, Identifications, B Healthy and the Golf Shack/Golden Belt Printing. Of these 8, 5 applicants requested the full grant request maximum of \$20,000 of which the City and County equally split each award. These max awards include Animal Care Hospital, Kansas Sportsman/Red Cedar Land Co, Charlie's Place, Identifications, and the Golf Shack/Golden Belt Printing. EBH & Associates requested \$19,218.75. In total, these projects add up to \$119,218.75 with an equal split of \$59,609.38 which comes in below the budget of \$60,000. The remaining two applicants had strong applications but in comparing the applications, the recommended awards, signage and windows for a maximum 25% award, local match and competitiveness against the other applications brought them just below the line. At this time, I am recommending Animal Care Hospital, Charlies, Kansas Sportsman/Red Cedar, Identifications and the Golf Shack/Golden Belt Printing for the maximum request of \$10,000 and EBH an award of \$9,609.38 for a total of \$59,609.38. Final amounts will be based on expenditures that are turned in at the completion of the project. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve the Façade Improvement Grants to Animal Care Hospital, Charlies, Kansas Sportsman/Red Cedar, Identifications and the Golf Shack/Golden Belt Printing for the maximum request of \$10,000 and EBH an award of \$9,609.38 for a total of \$59,609.38. Mr. Soupiset seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

11. Crest AVL System: City Administrator Logan Burns reported that the City of Great Bend recently put out a request for proposals for the audio, visual and lighting system at the Crest Theatre. Equipment and specs were released for the sound and lighting system along with an alternate bid for a video wall. The City opened bids publicly on August 21st and received one bid for the sound and lighting portion and one bid for the video portion. Parr Sound & Lighting provided a quote in the amount of \$68,450.00 for the sound and lighting and Satellite Pros provided a quote in the amount of \$44,995.00 for the video wall. The Mayor was instrumental in securing donations for the project to bring a new quality-of-life aspect back to the Crest Theatre to have the ability to host concerts while still maintaining traditional plays put on by the Community Theatre. The idea would be for the City to cover any shortfall for the proposed equipment not already covered by the donations that have come in or have been committed. In total, donations along with a Quality-of-Life CPI grant that was awarded in July 2026 provide a total of \$77,375.00 and holding back \$30,000 for a proposed concert in the spring, the total amount for equipment at this time comes to \$47,375. This equates to the City of Great Bend covering the remaining amount of \$21,075.00 if the Council wishes to move forward with the sound and lighting portion of the project. The alternate bid for the video wall for \$44,995.00 either needs to wait or that funding would need to come out of the contingencies fund as well which is up to the Council. The next step in the process would be for the equipment to be installed and a committee to start looking at securing and scheduling acts for early 2027. Mr. Luerman made a motion to approve the bid from Parr Sound & Lighting for a total of \$68,450.00 of which the City of Great Bend would cover \$21,075.00 out of the contingencies fund. Ms. Arnberger seconded the motion and passed with 6 voting in favor and Mr. Parr abstained. After discussion regarding funding and potential additional funding sources, it was the consensus of the Council to table the video wall bid and bring the item back for consideration at the September 21st Council Meeting.

12. Mayors' Comments: Mayor Moeder reported that he enjoyed the most recent Final Friday on Forests and enjoyed seeing that many people downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Soupiset 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 6:11 p.m.