GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 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 Kevyn Soupiset
__Councilmember Rickee Maddox
__Councilmember Shelly Peacock
__Councilmember Jay Luerman
__ Administrator Logan Burns
__Councilmember Shelly Arnberger
__Councilmember Gary Parr
__Councilmember Tina Mingenback
__Councilmember Davis Jimenez
__ Attorney Allen Glendenning
__Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 19, 2026.

b) **Claim's Warrant Register 11-2-26:** Covering 2026 bills to date.

c) **Payroll Register P/R 10-30-26:** Covering payroll ending October 24, 2026, in the amount of $436,102.99.

d) **Appointments:** Mayor Moeder will make appointments as appropriate.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS

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. **Health Insurance Rates**: Mike Minton and his team have explored alternative health insurance providers for the City's group health plan. However, due to several high-cost claims and overall increased utilization, no other carriers have presented viable options at this time. As a result, we recommend continuing coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBS) and implementing a 8% premium increase. Mike Minton with Arthur Gallagher will report.

   Recommendation: Motion to approve continuing our health insurance coverage with BCBS and implementing a 8% premium increase to both the city and employee cost.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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.

THE CITY OF GREAT BEND

CITY OF GREAT BEND
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE	11/2/2026	
RESOLUTION or ORDINANCE NUMBER		
AGENDA TITLE	2027 Health Insurance Plan and Rates	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	Human Resources and Finance Departments	
PRESENTER	Mike Minton- Broker	
FISCAL INFORMATION	Cost as recommended:	
	Budget Line Item:	
	Balance Available:	
	New Appropriation Required:	☐YES ☐NO
PURPOSE	To approve BCBS of KS and the rates for 2027	
BACKGROUND	Mike and his team have been looking at options for other health insurance companies for the City's group health plan. Due to a number of large claims and overall heavier utilization, there are no other carriers with good options for us other than to continue with BCBS of KS. We also recommend an increase in premiums of 8%.	
SPECIAL NOTES		
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROCESS		
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Approval of 2027 Health Insurance plan and rates.	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	Comparison of 2026-2027 Health Insurance rates.	

2027 BC/BS rates compared to 2026 rates

Deductibles: THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER IRS

Option #1 - 500/1000

Option #2 - 1000/2000 — $25 office visit copay with $300 Lab/Xray rider

Option #3 - 1500/3000 — Unlimited lifetime maximum

Option #4 - 3400/6800 (HDHP) — Dependents covered to age 26

8% increase

	2026 Option #1 Family	2027 Option #1 Family	2027 bi weekly	2026 Option #2 Family	2027 Option #2 Family	2027 bi weekly	2026 Option #3 Family	2027 Option #3 Family	2027 bi weekly	2026 Option #4 Family	2027 Option #4 Family	2027 bi weekly
Employee Share	$ 450.24	$ 486.26	$ 243.13	$ 331.38	$ 357.90	$ 178.95	$ 235.68	$ 254.54	$ 127.27	$ 6.32	$ 6.84	$ 3.42
Employer Share	$ 1,617.84	$ 1,747.27		$ 1,617.84	$ 1,747.27		$ 1,617.84	$ 1,747.27		$ 1,617.84	$ 1,747.27	
Total Monthly Premium	$ 2,068.08	$ 2,233.53		$ 1,949.22	$ 2,105.17		$ 1,853.52	$ 2,001.81		$ 1,624.16	$ 1,754.11	
	Option #1 Emp/Sp	Option #1 Emp/Sp		Option #2 Emp/Sp	Option #2 Emp/Sp		Option #3 Emp/Sp	Option #3 Emp/Sp		Option #4 Emp/Sp	Option #4 Emp/Sp	
Employee Share	$ 265.70	$ 286.96	$ 143.48	$ 214.72	$ 231.90	$ 115.95	$ 169.38	$ 182.94	$ 91.47	$ 4.98	$ 5.38	$ 2.69
Employer Share	$ 1,436.87	$ 1,551.82		$ 1,436.87	$ 1,551.82		$ 1,436.87	$ 1,551.82		$ 1,436.87	$ 1,551.82	
Total Monthly Premium	$ 1,702.57	$ 1,838.78		$ 1,651.59	$ 1,783.72		$ 1,606.25	$ 1,734.76		$ 1,441.85	$ 1,557.20	
	Option #1 Emp/Ch	Option #1 Emp/Ch		Option #2 Emp/Ch	Option #2 Emp/Ch		Option #3 Emp/Ch	Option #3 Emp/Ch		Option #4 Emp/Ch	Option #4 Emp/Ch	
Employee Share	$ 257.86	$ 278.50	$ 139.25	$ 206.84	$ 223.40	$ 111.70	$ 160.26	$ 173.08	$ 86.54	$ 8.44	$ 9.12	$ 4.56
Employer Share	$ 1,384.27	$ 1,495.01		$ 1,384.27	$ 1,495.01		$ 1,384.27	$ 1,495.01		$ 1,384.27	$ 1,495.01	
Total Monthly Premium	$ 1,642.13	$ 1,773.51		$ 1,591.11	$ 1,718.41		$ 1,544.53	$ 1,668.09		$ 1,392.71	$ 1,504.13	
	Option #1 Single	Option #1 Single		Option #2 Single	Option #2 Single		Option #3 Single	Option #3 Single		Option #4 Single	Option #4 Single	
Employee Share	$ 145.28	$ 156.90	$ 78.45	$ 106.94	$ 115.50	$ 57.75	$ 76.12	$ 82.22	$ 41.11	$ 2.24	$ 2.42	$ 1.21
Employer Share	$ 522.20	$ 563.98		$ 522.20	$ 563.98		$ 522.20	$ 563.98		$ 522.20	$ 563.98	
Total Monthly Premium	$ 667.48	$ 720.88		$ 629.14	$ 679.48		$ 598.32	$ 646.20		$ 524.44	$ 566.40	