

# Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

## I. Call to Order

Mayor Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the Srader Building.

## II. Attendance

Council members: Chris Cole, Tracy Kingsbury, Don Wick, and Brady Peterson. Absent: Dave Mace.

Others: Rick Hileman, Aurielle Hughes, Jamie Marshall, and Jill Conaway.

## III. Consent Agenda

Motion by Cole, seconded by Peterson, to approve the previous meeting minutes, vouchers, and receipts. Motion carried.

## IV. Previous/Ongoing Business

- a) Pay Scale-Wiehl asked if the council members had a potential resolution to the pay scale changes. A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Kingsbury, to move this agenda item to follow the governing body reports. Motion carried.

## V. New Business

- a) Resolution 2024-1 GAAP-A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Kingsbury, to adopt resolution 2024-1. Motion carried.
- b) Resolution 2024-2-A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to adopt resolution 2024-2 designating The Smith County Pioneer as the city's official newspaper. Motion carried.
- c) Resolution 2024-3-A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Peterson, to adopt resolution 2024-3 designating The Peoples Bank, The Guaranty State Bank, and the Smith County Bank as the city's official depositories. Motion carried.
- d) Council Designations-A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to approve Mayor Wiehl's suggestion to keep the 2023 designations in place: Cole-fire and police departments; Kingsbury-water and waste disposal departments; Wick-swimming pool, recreation, and general public transportation departments; Mace-golf and street departments; Peterson-parks and airport departments; and Wiehl-economic development department. Motion carried.

## **VI. Department Report/Committee & Board Reports**

- a) Clerk Conaway-The Srader Foundation graciously granted funds to replace some of the equipment in the exercise room. The engineers submitted the final documentation to close out the US281-South project; and a field check meeting is scheduled to move forward on the K204 project.

## **VII. Governing Body Reports**

- a) Cole-Reported on a recent response to a structure fire. Cole also reported on the lack of a heating system in the military truck that the department will address; and the new bunker gear purchased with grant funding is working well. Cole and Hileman discussed the recently purchased dump truck, and the condition of the other trucks. It was determined that two of the trucks will be listed on Gavel Roads.
- b) Peterson-Discussed the AWOS phone system that was set up with Straight Talk. As it is the least expensive option, a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Kingsbury, to continue to use this platform. Motion carried.

## **VIII. Pay Scale**

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to enter into executive session for fifteen minutes, personnel exception, personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried. In session at 6:20pm-out of session at 6:35pm. The council announced a second executive session. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to enter into executive session for twenty minutes, personnel exception, personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried. In session at 6:36pm-out of session at 6:56pm.

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to table the pay scale to the next meeting; and to move all employees up one step on the current pay scale for the current pay period. Motion carried.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Motion by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.