

**City of Smith Center**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2015**  
**7:00 pm**

The City Council met in regular session with Mayor Dave Conaway presiding. Council members present: Fletcher Bolton, Lynn Zierlein, Chris Cole, Adam Rentschler and Dave Mace.

Others present: Rick Hileman, Terri Jones, Jamie Marshall, Tabitha Owen, Garoleen Wilson, Joe Barnes, Brad Howland, JT Jeffery and Gerald Ratliff.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Bolton to approve the minutes for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Rentschler to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Garoleen Wilson shared the Economic Development meeting minutes. Wilson invited the council to the February E.D. meeting. E.D. proposed to the council an additional loan to Nathan Jacobs for the old bank building. Terms of the loan: \$70,000 at 9 months with a balloon payment due at that time/all proceeds from the sale of Jacobs Abilene house to be applied once sold/refinance the current loan once house proceeds are applied. Motion by Zierlein to approve E.D. Revolving Loan to Jacobs as presented, seconded by Rentschler. Motion carried.

Wilson informed the council that marketing classes are being offered. The Economic Development is also planning a business competition/career fair at the high school.

Wilson presented two storefront grant requests. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Mace to approve storefront grants of \$3,000 to Central Plains Co-op for the Strother Insurance Office and \$3,000 to Edward Jones at their office in the old bank building. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Alco building. Wilson reported to council that she is in continual contact with the building owner and actively seeking a business or businesses that may be interested in renting at that location.

Wilson and Barnes shared with the council a proposal from Downtown Revitalization for the replacement of sidewalks from Highway 36 to 1<sup>st</sup> Street on the East side. Consensus of the council was to work with Economic Development once the specifics are in place for the replacement of said sidewalks. Discussion was held on the possibility of having a mural done on the side of the building owned by Art Befort on Main Street.

### Old Business

No bids were received for the repair on the Old Mill. Discussion was held on the vehicles at the shop and the placement of No Parking signs on the “horseshoe” section of B Street.

### New Business

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Zierlein to approve the Request for Payment of KDHE Funds #9. This motion will approve the request and payments. Motion carried.

Training is currently taking place at the new water plant. Discussion was held on who would be doing the walk through once the project is complete. Zierlein explained the yearly process of the Airport Capital Improvement Program.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Bolton to adopt Resolution 2015-1, Waiver of GAAP for fiscal year 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Cole to designate The Pioneer as the official publication. Motion carried.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Cole to designate Smith County Bank, Peoples Bank and Guaranty State Bank & Trust as official depositories. Motion carried.

Police Chief Marshall reported that the light bar previously ordered is in.

Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Rentschler to amend the motion passed on the Nathan Jacobs Economic Revolving Loan from \$70,000 to \$70,842 for additional deed expenses. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the publishing of council minutes in The Pioneer newspaper. Consensus of the council was to submit the minutes for publication with a disclaimer stating the minutes are submitted in draft form and are not official until approved by City Council.

Discussion was held on snow removal in the downtown business district.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Rentschler to go into executive session – non-elect personnel, for ten (10) minutes. Council only. Motion carried. Into executive session at 8:23pm. Out of executive session at 8:33pm.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Rentschler to go into executive session – non-elect personnel, for ten (10) minutes. Council and Hileman. Motion carried. Into executive session at 8:34pm. Out of executive session at 8:44pm.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Rentschler to go into executive session – non-elect personnel, for ten (10) minutes. Council and Owen. Motion carried. Into executive session at 8:45pm. Out of executive session at 8:55pm.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Rentschler to go into executive session – non-elect personnel, for five (5) minutes. Council and Owen. Motion carried. Into executive session at 8:56pm. Out of executive session at 9:01pm.

Regular session resumed. Motion by Bolton, seconded by Zierlein to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:02pm.