

# Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2023

## I. Call to Order

Council President Chris Cole called the meeting to order at 6pm on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Srader Building.

## II. Attendance

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

Others: Jamie Marshall, Brett Decker, Stephanie Henry, Dana Peterson, Kim Phelps, Jerald Ratliff, Kim Maudlin, Tabitha Owen, Aurielle Hughes, Sherry Weatherholt, and Allen Van Driel.

## III. Consent Agenda

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

## IV. Department Reports/Committee & Board Report

- a) Economic Development-Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Peterson, to approve a Commercial Revitalization Grant up to \$5,000 to Home on the Range Lodging (Kip and Mary Thorson), 740 E. Highway 36, to rebuild the balcony, install gutters, paint and install siding. Motion carried.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve a Residential Cleanup Grant up to \$1,750 to Dana J. Peterson for her home at 512 E. Kansas Avenue. Motion carried (B. Peterson abstained).

Peterson explained the recruitment team's and advisory board's discussion and action regarding the SCWRIP incentive program. Following discussion with Van Driel representing SCMh, a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Wick, to limit two incentives per business until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the grant year; allow businesses to reapply in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter if funding is available; and approve two incentive awards to SCMh, one to Midwest Pharmacy, and one to Hudson Tire. Motion carried.

Peterson reported on the housing team. A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to remove Chris Rowe, John Franklin, Bec Mueller, and Max Kuhlmann from the housing team. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed interlocal agreement with Smith County for economic development. It was the consensus of the council to continue to move forward.

- b) Police Department-Chief Marshall reported on the school zone signs, tasers and cameras. Marshall expressed his gratitude to Tabitha Owen for purchasing the cameras for the department. Marshall updated the council on the department's training hours.

- c) Conaway-Shared the action items from the Golf Course Advisory Board. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to revise the reciprocating membership fee of \$150 with Osborne only. Motion carried.

A lease agreement from Copper's Carts was reviewed. Detailed discussion was held on the cost to lease versus the cost to own with maintenance and repairs. Options to purchase a cart following the end of a lease agreement; and other purchase options will be obtained and brought back to the council as the council would prefer to purchase instead of lease, if it is financially feasible.

An Open House/Fun Day will be held at the golf course on May 6<sup>th</sup>, that will include a taco meal with free will donation, free golf, free cart rental, free range balls; with golf clubs available for use. There will be door prizes and a drawing for a family membership as well.

## **V. Governing Body Reports**

Council members discussed the condition of some of the city roadways; and complaints received following the recent snow/ice storm as some had difficulty with the build up next to the curb.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Kingsbury to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.