

# Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

## I. Call to Order

Mayor Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6pm on Monday, April 8, 2024, at the Srader Building.

## II. Attendance

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

Others: Jamie Marshall, Aurielle Hughes, Rick Hileman, Kim Maudlin, Billy Thayer, and Jill Conaway.

## III. Consent Agenda

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

## IV. New Business

### a) Seasonal Positions

Applications for recreation commission field director, swimming pool lifeguards and manager, golf course help and mowers were reviewed by the governing body. Detailed discussion was held on the lack of applications over the last several years. The current applications do not fulfill the openings to fully staff the swimming pool at this point, as well as not receiving any applications for public works positions. The council discussed the flexibility offered and the competitive wages. Conaway offered to reach out to the school on the possibility of setting up a table to reach out to students on the current positions and plant the seed for those that may be interested in full-time positions with the City in the future. The council approved, with Mayor Wiehl offering to go as well.

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to approve Avery Hawkins to fill the recreation commission field director position for the season. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to offer a position to Gannon McCoy as a floater for the season. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to offer positions to the swimming pool applicants. Motion carried.

Conaway will create some flyers on the open positions that Hileman will have available at the track meet concession stand the next day.

## V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Recreation Commission-Thayer shared information from the board meeting. The board approved the purchase of a Kawasaki Mule with a top cover from Day Motorsports. Discussion was held on the commission funds and budget, as well as any known major expenses. A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the purchase of the Kawasaki Mule at \$10,800 and the cover at \$160.95 from Day Motorsports. Motion carried. Thayer stated that the equipment will be stored in the building next to Joy Field.
- b) Fire Department-Cole read the bi-annual report from Chief McNary.
- c) Police Department-Chief Marshall reported on the open positions and employment issues.
- d) Hileman reported that the new pump was installed in the well at the golf course and is working well. The company will look at the other two wells when time permits.

Hileman reported that in responding to a water line break, the crew found that the water map is incorrect, showing the line to be larger in diameter; as well as in need of replacement, which differs from the condition of the line seen in other locations along K204 that the line is in good condition. The crew will dig various potholes to assess the length of K204 and obtain quotes to replace the line, moving it north into the city's right-of-way, and utilizing the 8" line in inventory.

- e) Clerk-Conaway reported on the upcoming orientation with KCAMP and asked for the council's permission to form a Risk Management committee. The council approved forming the committee.

The General Public Transportation Program received the 2023 Chrysler Voyager to serve as the main vehicle for the outreach program.

Conaway has listed the public transportation and police officer positions on Indeed.com.

Residential city-wide cleanup has been scheduled for the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The City of Gaylord has hired a city clerk. Conaway has offered to meet with her at the Gaylord office to go over the budget, spreadsheets, and other items, if their council approves.

**VI. Governing Body Reports**

Kingsbury-Reported on information learned at the KRWA conference on the lead and copper surveys.

Airport-Hileman reported that the county completed the work on the south end of the runway. The rest is extremely soft therefore will be delayed until the ground is more solid.

**VII. Pay Scale**

Wiehl asked if members of the council had any direction on the pay scale. Wiehl stated that they need to focus on the first number in the scale as that will adjust the rest. Wiehl will give Conaway some numbers to work up.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion by Wick, seconded by Cole, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.