

# Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

## I. Call to Order

Mayor Bryce Wiehl called the meeting to order at 6pm on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Srader Building.

## II. Attendance

Council members: David Mace, Don Wick, Brady Peterson, Chris Cole, and Tracy Kingsbury. Others: Tabitha Owen, Jerald Ratliff, Joe Stansbury, Kim Phelps, Jamie Marshall, Kim Phelps, Billy Thayer, Sherry Weatherholt, Rick Hileman, and Jill Conaway.

## III. Consent Agenda

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

## IV. Previous/Ongoing Business

- a) Lagoon Project-Conaway reviewed the next steps with KDHE. Motion by Kingsbury, second by Mace, to move forward with the loan process. Motion carried.
- b) Waterline Project-Following a review of the quotes, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Cole, to purchase the project materials from Core & Main, as quoted. Motion carried. Motion by Cole, seconded by Wick, to approve Smith County's bid of \$1,500 to re-rock the road following completion of the waterline replacement. Motion carried.
- c) Seasonal Employee-Following review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mace, to hire Brady Desbian as a lifeguard at the beginning wage. Motion carried.

## V. New Business

- a) Annual Appointments-Motion by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve Mayor Wiehl's appointments: Chief of Police-Jamie Marshall; Police Officer-Brett Decker; City Clerk-Jill Conaway; City Treasurer-Aurielle Hughes; City Attorney-Tabitha Owen; and City Judge-Michael Kirchhoff. Motion carried.

## VI. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Recreation Commission-Joe Stansbury and Billy Thayer addressed the council on potential commission members, by-laws, meetings, activities, and the ballfields. Owen will research potential by-laws. She asked to allow at least a week to then set up a meeting at the city office with Thayer, Stansbury, and Conaway to go over everything at once. Following review, a motion was made by Mace, seconded by Wick, to hire William (Billy) Thayer as the recreation director at the current set salary. Motion carried. Motion by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to hire Daniel Bennett to fill the field director position

for the season at the set salary. Motion carried. Stansbury inquired on the approval to purchase the summer ball shirts. It was the consensus of the council to move forward with the purchase of the shirts. Thayer and Stansbury left the meeting at 6:21pm.

- b) Police Department-Chief Marshall reported on the firearms and the annual government surplus audit.

## **VII. Governing Body Reports**

- a) Cole-Fire/Police

Inquired on the timeline of the waterline project. Hileman reported it would be after harvest.

- b) Wiehl

Will report on the pool house at the next meeting. Wiehl also shared an inquiry he received on the possibility of Kensington renting our oiler and our crew to chip seal some of their streets. Hileman explained the process and the length of time it takes for the city's oiler to heat up for use each day, which is why the city is renting an additional machine to use in conjunction with ours to complete some of Smith Center's streets in a shorter time-period. Cole shared a discussion he had on the possibility of working with Kensington on equipment needs in the future.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion by Cole, seconded by Wick, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.