

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2025

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025, at the Srader Building.

**Attendance**

Governing Body Members: Don Wick, Bryce Wiehl, Tracy Kingsbury, and Chris Cole. Absent: Ty Wallgren and Everett Mansholt.

Others: Tabitha Owen, Melissa Colby, Kim Maudlin, Dawn Gabel (left 6:20 p.m.), Richard Huffman, Chris Huffman, Kim Phelps (left 7:20 p.m.), Jamie Marshall, Rick Hileman, Mark Shook, Julie Kuhlmann (left 7:25 p.m.), Valerie Haskett, Sherry Weatherholt (6:11 p.m.) and Josh Niles (7:31 p.m.).

**II. Consent Agenda**

Following review, a motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to approve the meeting minutes; vouchers, and receipts. Motion carried.

**III. Guest**

a) Dawn Gabel with Options Domestic & Sexual Violence Services, gave an update on services offered in the previous year for residents of Smith County. Gabel also asked the council for continued support of the program. Motion made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve support of \$1,500 for the 2025-2026 year. Motion carried.

**IV. Previous/Ongoing Business**

a) Food Trucks-Mark Shook explained to the council the process that took place on Mother's Day weekend. Shook also explained the processes of surrounding towns which they have frequented. The council also looked over additional information of the process for other towns. Cole asked Shook what he felt was a fair process. Shook remarked to leave the process as is. Mayor Wiehl asked the opinion of the council. Kingsbury voted to leave as is; Cole voted to leave as is; and Wick voted to leave as is. Motion carried.

Recess from 6:30p.m. to 7:15p.m. for Land Bank Meeting

**V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports**

a) Economic Development-Haskett reported that economic development approved a potential Land Bank board of Scott Roth, Joel Brewer, Nick Rhodes, Doug Armknecht, Brad Howland (at large-position), and Brady Peterson (at-large position). Cole advised that this board would take over at a future date. Cole motioned to approve, Wick seconded. Motion carried.

Economic development approved two Commercial Revitalization Grants of \$5,000 each. Wick motioned, Kingsbury seconded, to approve \$5,000 to Julie Kulhmann Photography. Motion carried. Kingsbury motioned, Cole seconded, to approve \$5,000 to Huffman's Floor Covering. Motion carried.

Economic development created a new Residential Beautification Lottery Program at \$10,000. This is for external repairs to be completed by Smith Center contractors; and supplies to be purchased in Smith Center. The lottery is to be drawn the day before Old Settlers Day and announced on Old Settlers Day. This is currently a one-time application. Cole suggested the program be offered to commercial property owners on Main Street at a future date. Kingsbury motioned to approve the program, Wick seconded. Motion carried.

- b) Housing-The Housing committee reported that John Terrell submitted his resignation to the board. Kingsbury motioned to accept Terrell's resignation. Wick second. Motion carried. Committee recommended to add Aurielle Hughes to the board. Cole motioned to approve, Wick seconded. Motion carried.
- c) Police Department-Chief Marshall reported that he is still researching new vehicle purchase options. Cole inquired as to what Chief Marshall is looking at. Chief Marshall gave a couple of options.
- d) Supervisor Report-Hileman reported the antennas for wells 5, 6, 7, & 8 are not working properly. Hileman presented the council with bids from HOA. One bid was for a new network design for the wells; the other to replace antennas for the wells. Hileman conferred, networking would need to be included with our local company for the new design. Kingsbury motioned to accept the bid for the replacement antennas in the amount of \$4,052.80, Cole seconded. Motion carried.

## **VI. Governing Body Reports**

- a) Wick-Reported the roof is on the new pool bathhouse.

## **VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded Cole, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.