

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

I. Call to Order

Council President Chris Cole opened the meeting at 6pm on Monday, July 8, 2024, at the Srader Building.

II. Attendance

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

Others: Tabitha Owen, Jamie Marshall, Rick Hileman, Aurielle Hughes, Kim Maudlin, Nick Rhodes, Kim Phelps, and Jill Conaway.

III. Consent Agenda

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

IV. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Economic Development-Nick Rhodes reviewed the grant application submitted by Kelsi Griffin for her daycare. Rhodes explained that the jump start grant is in place to assist businesses in their first two years with overhead costs such as rent, utilities, and safety needs, not for equipment. The council discussed defining the overhead costs of an in-home business to reflect the increase in utility costs, beyond the typical household. Rhodes commented that he would add it to the agenda for their upcoming meeting. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to approve a lump sum \$5,000 Jump Start grant to Kelsi Griffin. Motion carried.

Rhodes shared that the director position remains unfilled, as the applicant offered the position opted to continue with their current position.

Rhodes left the meeting at 6:12pm.

- b) Golf Course-Conaway shared the golf course advisory board minutes. A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Kingsbury, to accept the resignations of Mike Hoover and Greg Hobelmann. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to appoint Cade Maxwell to the board. Motion carried.

- c) Police Department-Chief Marshall reported a smooth Independence Day, stating that the new fireworks ordinance worked well to better define to individuals the hours that fireworks can be discharged.

- d) Clerk-Conaway shared credit card account options through local banks. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve applications to be submitted to The Guaranty Bank and The Peoples Bank to establish new accounts. Motion carried.

V. Governing Body Reports

- a) Cole-Opened the floor for discussion on the open council position. Following discussion, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to accept applications of interest up to noon on Friday, July 19th, to be included on the July 22nd meeting agenda. Motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.