

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2024

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024, at the Srader Building.

**Attendance**

Council Members: Don Wick, Chris Cole, Brady Peterson, Tracy Kingsbury, and Everett Mansholt.

Others: Jamie Marshall, Kim Maudlin, Rick Hileman, Kim Phelps, and Jill Conaway.

**II. Consent Agenda**

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

**III. Previous/Ongoing Business**

a) Treasurer Position – A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Wick, to appoint Melissa Colby to fill the treasurer/utility billing position, beginning August 26, 2024. Motion carried.

b) Airport Contracts – A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Cole, to approve contracts with H.W. Lochner, Inc.; Airport Design and Planning with KDOT; and Airport Preservation, for project AV-2025-52, rehabilitation of the hangar taxilane. Motion carried.

c) Waterline K204 – Three bids were received and reviewed by the governing body for the waterline replacement on K204: Smoky Hill, APAC, and JCorp Construction. Hileman reviewed the bids with the council. The linear feet of the project was bid differently with each company, as well as the number of tie ins. Hileman stepped out to make a call to verify some of the information. Mayor Wiehl announced that the waterline topic would continue following Hileman's call.

**IV. New Business**

a) Financial Institutions/Authorizations

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve Jill Conaway, Melissa Colby, Shawn Stansbury, and William Thayer as authorized signers on account ending in 925, recreation commission, with The Peoples Bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to approve Jill Conaway, Melissa Colby, Bryce Wiehl, and Christopher Cole as authorized signers on account ending in 811, city checking, with The Peoples Bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve Jill Conaway, Melissa Colby, Shawn Stansbury, and William Thayer as authorized signers on account ending in 024, recreation commission, with The Peoples Bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wick, to approve Jill Conaway, Melissa Colby, and Bryce Wiehl as authorized signers on account ending in 734, city savings, with The Peoples Bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Peterson, to add Melissa Colby as an authorized signer on accounts with The Guaranty State Bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to add Melissa Colby as an authorized signer on accounts with Smith County Bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Cole, to add Melissa Colby as an authorized signer on the health insurance account with Farmers Bank. Motion carried.

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

- a) Recreation Commission – A warranty deed was reviewed gifting real estate located at 410 Highway 36 to be used for the sole purpose of a facility named “Sidles Training Center” to be used for recreational sports by the City of Smith Center for a minimum of ten years, from the owner, Joan Sidles. Following review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury to accept the described real estate as presented. The recreation commission will be working on the rehabilitation of the building and proposals for the recreational sports use. Motion carried.
- b) Police Department – Chief Marshall reported on charges that stemmed from an incident at the swimming pool involving two juveniles and two adults. Cole reported that 5<sup>th</sup> street is experiencing some high-speed traffic. There are concerns with an increasing number of young children in the area. Marshall will address this and also reported to the council the need to place permanent “children at play” signs in the areas of Jefferson Street that meet Kansas Avenue and Court Street, due to the same issue. Wick asked Marshall if the elementary school intends to use the same drop-off procedure in the mornings as they have in previous years. Marshall believes they will be and reported that he will be there when school starts to assure any new community members are aware of the procedures.
- c) Supervisor – Hileman reported on a recent water leak.

- d) Clerk – Conaway shared information on desktop scanners to use in the office, as discussed at the last meeting. Following discussion, a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Cole, to purchase two of the scanners at this time to see how well they work. Motion carried.  
Discussion was held on IT (information technology) needs. Additional information will be obtained on the City’s needs and costs to meet those needs.

**VI. Governing Body Reports**

- a) Cole – Referencing the conversation at the last meeting on the option to purchase and install a generator at the Srader building, Cole suggested that if possible, the same type of generator could be used as what was recently put in at the firehouse.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Attest:

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Jill Conaway, City Clerk