

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2024

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024, at the Srader Building.

Attendance

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

Others: Melissa Colby, Kim Maudlin, Tabitha Owen, Jamie Marshall, Kim Phelps, and Jill Conaway.

II. Consent Agenda

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

III. Previous/Ongoing Business

a) Cyber Security-Discussion was held on the cyber security needs and the wireless access points. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the cyber security portion only of the proposed contract to align in terms with the Nex-Tech Backup contract, expiring July 1, 2025, at \$195.00/month. Motion carried.

IV. New Business

- a) Ballfield Waterline-Bids were received from Kingsbury Septic and Kingsbury Plumbing. Following discussion, the bids will be forwarded to the County Commissioners, as they are responsible for the cost of the installation.
- b) Scout House Roof Bids-The council reviewed bids received from Shellito Roofing and Aqua Shield to re-shingle the scout house due to storm damage. Detailed discussion commenced on the two bids. A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Peterson, to approve the bid submitted by Shellito Roofing, using the Class 4 shingles. Wiehl did a roll call vote: Wick-aye; Cole-aye; Kingsbury-aye; Peterson-aye; and Mansholt-aye. Motion carried.
- c) Golf Course Pump-Pricing has not been sent to Hileman yet.
- d) CMB Licenses-A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to approve a 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage licenses to Alta and Dollar General. Motion carried.
- e) United Healthcare Premium Rebate-Conaway reported on rebates of \$17,484.43 from UHC which must be distributed either by reducing the premium for the upcoming year or providing a cash rebate to employees. Following discussion, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mansholt, to use the rebate to reduce the premium for the upcoming year. Motion carried.

V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Fire Department-Cole read Chief McNary's biannual report to the council.
- b) Golf Board-The minutes from the advisory board meeting were reviewed by the council, with no action items. The greenskeeper is leaving the grass longer due to the pump being down and lack of moisture.
- c) Police Department-Chief Marshall introduced Josh Niles, adding that Niles is a good addition to the department. The council welcomed Niles. Peterson shared that the Historical Society will be hosting the haunted trail over the upcoming two weekends.
- d) Hileman-Volunteers and city crew members worked on the tennis/pickleball courts and have them playable again. Tiles have been ordered to replace those that were damaged. Hileman asked the council to consider a \$500 payment to summer employee Gary Vore, as he has been of great help throughout the season. Vore would like to stay on to rebuild the pedestals at roadside park. Wick recommended a \$250 payment on the next two paychecks. Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to pay out the \$500 bonus as recommended, and offer full-time employment to Vore at full-time step one. Motion carried.
- e) Clerk-Conaway shared inactivity on two accounts at The Guaranty State Bank, proposing the balance of account ending in 0391 of \$418.19 be transferred into the city's savings account; and the Hole in One Fund to be closed and re-opened as a Super Savers account with better interest. Following discussion, a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Wick, to approve closing the 0391 account and transferring the funds to the savings account. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to close the Hole in One Fund and reopen as a Super Savers account. Motion carried.

Transit Program-The General Public Transportation Program will be hosting a RTAP training class for the area at the firehouse on Wednesday, October 23rd. Conaway also reported on issues with both of the 2023 Chrysler Voyagers. The transit program triannual audit went well and was completed last week. Conaway also shared that the program is honored to provide transportation in November to a Wish of a Lifetime from AARP recipient from Smith Center. The noise level of the basketball court above the city offices was discussed. Some options to assist would be to close the court to basketballs during office hours or to look at ways to lessen the sound and disruption. It was the consensus of the council to check on spray insulation and to consult the Srader Foundation.

Conaway shared the CVR project funding will be on the next agenda, when Corina from NWKS Planning & Commission can attend.

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to appoint Terri Jones to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Wick will not be able to attend the next council meeting.

Peterson thanked the volunteers that helped out during Old Settlers' Day.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.