

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2026

**I. Call to Order**

Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026, at the Srader Building.

**Attendance**

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

Others: Bryce Wiehl, Brittany Niles, Kim Maudlin, Rick Hileman, Joshua Niles, Melissa Colby, Kim Phelps, Scott Roth and Valerie Haskett.

**II. Consent Agenda**

Following review, a motion was made by Wallgren, seconded by Wick, to approve the previous meetings' minutes. Motion carried. Mansholt then made a motion to approve the Vouchers and Receipts as presented. Cole seconded the motion and carried the motion.

**III. Previous/Ongoing Business**

**a.** Storage/Shipping Containers- Wiehl, Wallgren and Wick update the council on the formed subcommittee regarding the shipping containers. Following discussion, Owen will work on verbiage to update the already in place ordinance to differentiate residential and commercial requirements. The subcommittee agreed to grandfather in the storage/shipping containers that are already in place, however the containers need to be completely covered and obtain a building permit. Each permit will need to be approved by City Council. The subcommittee states that any other residential shipping/storage container would be prohibited. It was the general census of the council to also approve shipping/storage containers within the commercial and industrial zone of the city and require approval from the city with a permit. Owen will work on verbiage to discuss at the next council meeting.

**IV. New Business**

**a.** Nextech- A bid was provided by Nextech to replace the battery back up in the city office. As this is a requirement of the office, Cole made a motion to approve the purchase of the battery backup at \$999.00. The motion was seconded by Wick and the motion carried.

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

**a.** Library Board- The Library board presented a letter stating that Ann Rusts board term will expire on April 30, 2026 and has agreed to serve

an additional term. A motion was made by Cole and seconded by Mansholt to approve the board term for Ann Rust on the library board. Next, the library board states that Cindy Wagners' second term will expire on April 30, 2026, and request that her position be replaced by Ellie Stansbury. A motion was made by Kingsbury and seconded by Mansholt to approve the recommendation submitted by the library board to have Ellie Stansbury replace Cindy Wagner. Motion carried.

- b.** Supervisor- Hileman updates the council on a pump that he had previously mentioned needing fixed; fortunately, the pump was still under warranty so it will save the city some money from having to replace it. Rick also reports that the curb at the golf course has been fixed and that he has been meeting with Cody Theobald from Center Construction regarding the bathhouse.
- c.** Police Department- Chief Marshall brings up the discussion regarding K204. Previously K204 had been considered a highway where golf carts and SUVs were not allowed to drive on. After the new construction, the K204 has converted back to a city road and should be treated as so. Golf carts and SUVs are now allowed on the old K204 now, New York street. Jamie also updates on the scooter safety class and the safety buck program.
- d.** Clerk- Niles informed the council regarding a bid to replace the handicap door at the library. The council requested to get additional bids before making any decisions. Niles will work to get additional bids. Then, Niles requested for Sadie LaDow and Cooper Wiehl be reimbursed for the lifeguard classes they have taken. A motion was made by Kingsbury and seconded by Wick to reimburse Sade LaDow and Cooper Wiehl in the amount that was paid for the lifeguard classes. Motion carried. Next, Niles updates the council on an additional lifeguard application submitted by Soleece Jensen. Niles states that Soleece has already completed her employee packet and requests the council approve her employment application for the lifeguard position. A motion was made by Wick and seconded by Wallgren to approve the employment application submitted by Soleece Jensen. Motion carried.
- e.** Treasurer- Colby informed the council regarding the metered water rates for the county to use the city treated water. Colby states that the fee currently is extremely low and requests a raise in rates. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kingsbury and seconded by Wick to raise the bulk water rates to \$8.00 per 1000 gallons. Motion carried.

## **VI. Council Reports**

- a. Wick-** Bathhouse update.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Kingsbury and seconded by Mansholt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Brittany Niles, City Clerk