

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2026

I. Call to Order

Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at the Srader Building.

Attendance

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

Others: Bryce Wiehl, Kim Maudlin, Rick Hileman, Joshua Niles, Melissa Colby, Brett Decker, Kim Phelps, Sherry Weatherholt, Kelly Lyon, Glenna Overmiller, Terry Maudlin and Scott Roth.

II. Consent Agenda

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

III. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Supervisor-Hileman reported to the council that the sewer pump at the pond is down. He has sent samples to see if he can figure out the cause of the issue. Hileman also states that Purple Wave has come out to take pictures of both the backhoe as well as the tree spade. It was the general census of the council to reserve a minimum bid of \$25,000.00 for the backhoe. Hileman then discusses the grass bid submitted for the pool.
- b) Police Department- Niles informed the council that he went to a class in Kansas City to qualify him as a certified range master.
- c) Clerk- Niles informs the council that the City of Smith Center was awarded the KWO loan forgiveness funds that the previous clerk, Jill Conaway, worked to complete the application process in 2025. Niles also updated the council regarding the electrician at the pool house. Kingsbury plans to meet with Jones to finalize plans. The clerk then asks the council if it would be ok if the girls in the office could accumulate compensatory time while they covered the maintenance and cleaning duties while Marc is off. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Don to allow the office girls to accumulate compensatory time while they complete cleaning and other duties at the Srader building. Motion carried. Niles then notified Kingsbury that we are having issues with the dishwasher in the kitchen of the hall. Kingsbury will investigate fixing;

in the meantime, he asks we look at an alternative option to purchase a new one as the current dishwasher has been repaired several times.

- d) Economic Development- Scott Roth presented the previous month's motions on behalf of the Economic Development board. The first item of business is a Commercial Revitalization Grant submitted by Sherelle Peterson for 205 S. Main in Smith Center to replace the awning. A motion was made by Walgren and seconded by Kingsbury to approve the Sherelle Peterson Commercial Revitalization Grant for 205 S. Main for up to \$1,896.25. Motion carried.

Roth also requests approval for the Residential Revitalization Grant submitted by Jamie Isom for 805 N. Main in Smith Center to build a larger garage. A motion was made by Wick and seconded by Mansholt to approve the Residential Revitalization Grant submitted by Jamie Isom at 805 N. Main for up to \$3,000.00. Motion Carried.

Roth then requests approval for the Revolving Loan Fund for Huffman Floor Covering at 115 S. Main in Smith Center. Following discussion, a motion was made by Cole and seconded by Mansholt to approve the revolving loan fund for up to \$18,000.00. Motion carried.

Next, a SCWRIP application was submitted by USD 237 for a RN position. A motion was made by Cole and seconded by Mansholt to approve the SCWRIP application in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the RN position. Motion carried.

Scott reported the recommendation to approve 4 positions from USD 237 Workforce Grant Application for RN Nurse, Bus Driver, Maintenance and Food Service Cook. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kingsbury and seconded by Mansholt to approve the 4 position from USD 237 Workforce Grant Application for RN Nurse, Bus Driver, Maintenance and Food Service Cook, \$500.00 for each position with the flexibility to raise to full time in the amount of \$1000.00. Motion carried. The Economic Development board also agreed to accept the 2026 estimate presented by Eberle Studios for the Choose Smith County Marketing Campaign in the amount of \$32,575.00. Following discussion, a motion was made by Wallgren and seconded by Cole to accept the estimate provided by Eberle Studios in the amount of \$32,575.00. Motion Carried.

Next, the Economic Development board requests that Dana Peterson be removed from all Heritage Townhome bank accounts. A motion was made by Wick and seconded by Mansholt. Motion carried. Roth also updates the board that Dana has removed herself from the Recruitment team. A motion was made by Wallgren and seconded by Kingsbury to remove Dana Peterson from the Recruitment Team. Motion carried.

Scott Roth leaves at 6:42 P.M.

IV. Previous/Ongoing Business

- a) Shipping Containers- The council continued an ongoing discussion regarding the current Ordinance No. 937. Kelly Lyon expresses his concerns regarding the ordinance to the council. After thorough discussion the council has agreed to create a subcommittee consisting of Bryce Wiehl, Ty Wallgren and Don Wick to continue working on the verbiage to modify the current ordinance.

V. Council Reports

- a. **Cole-** Chris reports that the Fire Department had a supper held for the retired fire fighters and that there was a good turnout.
- b. **Wick-** Don reports he has still been receiving complaints regarding scooters on sidewalks as well as noise from the mini-bikes. Niles and Decker report they have spoken to these individual numerous times. Niles indicates he is looking into a muffler ordinance and/or noise ordinance.

Wallgren then makes a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss not elected personnel. The council goes into executive session at 7:15. Mayor Wiehl then opened the meeting back up at 7:25, no action taken.

VI. Adjournment

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