

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
March 09, 2026

**I. Call to Order**

Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 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, Jamie Marshall, Tabitha Owen and Kim Phelps.

**II. Consent Agenda**

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

**III. Previous/ Ongoing Business**

Owen presented some examples of ordinances from other cities regarding shipping containers. Council gave recommendations of what changes they would like made to the current ordinance. Owen will make the updates and present it to council at the next meeting.

The council was then presented with the renewal of Nex-tech for security, backup, and Microsoft 365. Kingsbury made a motion to approve the renewal of Nex-tech security, backup and Microsoft 365. The motion was seconded by Wallgren and the motion carried.

The council was presented a bid from Nex-tech for a new server. Council is requesting research done for other server options for future. Cole made a motion to accept the Nex-tech bid of \$16922.89 for the purchase of the new server. Wick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**IV. New Business**

Council was presented Liability Insurance Renewal for the Airport. Wallgren made a motion to approve the Insurance Renewal. Wick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Due to Niles and Colby attending a conference when the second meeting in March is to be held, a motion by Wick was made to move the second meeting in March to Tuesday March 31, 2026 at 6:00pm. Wallgren seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is asking permission to do a survey along the Spring Creek which runs along the golf course. Wick made a motion to approve Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to proceed with the survey. Cole seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council was presented a renewal of the Kansas Underground Storage Tank Liability Plan for the Airport. After review of documents presented the council requested more information and tabled to next meeting.

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

a) Golf Board- Owen advised Mansholt to let the board know their motion to allow students under the age of 18, have a parent sign a waiver to allow them to still drive a golf cart, is not allowed.

Council approved hiring Alex Hobelmann for summer help at the golf course starting wage of \$14.00 hourly. Council discussed how to handle damages which have been done to rental carts. Owen advised treating each incident equally as far as punishment.

b) Police Department- Chief Marshall informed the council the new Tahoe is here. Chief Marshall has coordinated with the elementary school to present information on electric scooters and electric bicycle safety. The presentation will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. Chief Marshall is still trying to coordinate with the high school to present to Junior High. Cole inquired if possible, to do a reward system for kids who are wearing helmets instead of ticketing kids not wearing helmets. There was discussion of possibilities for the reward system.

c) Supervisor- Hileman informed council the new backhoe will be here March 11, 2026. Concrete will be done at the bathhouse March 11, 2026. Hileman inquired who is planting grass around the bathhouse. Council advised Colby to contact Minden Lawn and Sprinkler to proceed with planting grass at the bathhouse. Hileman advised council the pump at the water plant is needing replaced. He has checked prices to have the current pump rebuilt vs purchasing new. Council advised to proceed with new pump. Wick asked Hileman to check the concrete around the ladders at the pool. Cole asked Hileman if he could have some barricades around the roll off box on main street for a construction project.

d) Treasurer- Colby presented a couple ordinances from other cities on helmet safety. There was discussion about other possibilities prior to moving forward with an ordinance. Colby informed council of a transit rider who has continuously disobeyed rules which are set in place. Colby asked if possible to ban the rider. Mansholt made a motion to ban rider with a letter sent to rider to be hand delivered by Chief Marshall. Wallgren seconded motion and motion carried. Colby informed council Niles will be reaching her 6 month probation period prior to next meeting. Kingsbury made a motion for Niles to be bumped to step 7 on

the approved wage scale. Wallgren seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kingsbury reported he has been working on the plumbing at the bathhouse in his free time. Wick inquired if the electrical has been done or started. Kingsbury informed no electrical has been started. Kingsbury asked if he is to install outside faucets.

**VI. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Cole and seconded by Wick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.