

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

The City Council met in regular session with Mayor Dave Conaway presiding. Council members present: Fletcher Bolton, Lynn Zierlein, Chris Cole Adam Rentschler and Dave Mace.

Others present: Rick Hileman, Terri Jones, Jamie Marshall, Tabitha Owen, Garoleen Wilson, Allen Van Driel and Ari Harvey Hunniford.

Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Bolton to approve the minutes for November 13, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Allen Van Driel and Ari Harvey Hunniford, representing the Smith County Memorial Hospital, presented the Council with an Interlocal Agreement for the sales tax passed at the last election. Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Bolton to sign the Interlocal Agreement presented. Motion carried.

Garoleen Wilson-Economic Development presented three grant applications that were received. Motion by Bolton, seconded by Zierlein to approve a Jumpstart Grant to The Twisted Petal in the amount of \$833.00 monthly from December through May. Motion carried. Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Bolton to approve a \$3,000 Storefront Grant to Nathan Jacobs to be used towards the cost of windows on the second floor of the old bank building. Motion carried. Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Bolton to approve a \$3,000 Storefront Grant to The Twisted Petal for patio seating, sidewalks and new signage. Motion passed.

Wilson asked the council about sponsoring three additional individuals for the ROZ student loan repayment. After discussion, Zierlein moved, seconded by Rentschler to sponsor three individuals for years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Motion carried.

Advertising is in place for the Planter Lot. Wilson also invited members of the council to tour the progress made on the old bank building now owned by Nathan Jacobs. Those that are able to attend will tour the building on Monday,

December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Wilson also reported that all units are full at the Heritage Townhomes. The Economic Development Board is looking into the qualifications for making Smith Center's downtown area a Historic District.

The following designations were made for department heads:

- Chris Cole – Police and Fire
- Dave Mace – Recreation, Pool and Parks

The council appointed the open Council President position to Fletcher Bolton.

Mayor Conaway shared with the council the guidelines of the Kansas Open Meetings Act and Executive Session. Conaway also expressed the requirement of all boards under the City of Smith Center expending tax payer monies to follow these guidelines.

Cole asked about informing area towns of the availability to rent the vac trailer owned by the city. Letters will be sent to area towns with the description and cost.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Zierlein to approve payment #8 to KDHE. Motion carried.

After reviewing a building permit application from Trish Wiehl for The Twisted Petal, Zierlein moved, Bolton seconded approval of the application presented based on the following: distance of a minimum of seven (7) feet on all sides; wood frame with metal exterior; and block buildings on either side of proposed building. Hileman will inspect to ensure all specifications are met. Motion passed 4-1. (Aye-Bolton, Cole, Mace, Zierlein; Nay-Rentschler based on the recommendations of the Fire Chief)

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Zierlein to approve a 2015 Cereal Malt Beverage License to Pizza Hut. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Zierlein to approve a 2015 Cereal Malt Beverage License to Pester Distributing dba Alta Convenience. Motion carried.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Zierlein to approve a 2015 Cereal Malt Beverage License to Gene's Heartland Foods. Motion carried.

Rick Hileman reported on nuisances received on two properties own by the same individual. Hileman spoke to the owner earlier in the week. The properties will be cleaned up by the end of the current week. Hileman will follow up to ensure all is in compliance.

Discussion was held on a hazardous situation on the "horseshoe" section of B Street. It was the consensus of the council to have a NO PARKING sign placed on the East side, as the street is so narrow.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Cole to give bonuses of \$200/full time employees and \$100/part time employees. Motion carried.

Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Rentschler to give employee raises based on the pay scale worksheet. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the skid steer and the option of having solid tires instead of the standard tires at the time of purchase. Proposals will be brought to the council at a later date.

Hileman reported that an ad has been placed in the Smith County Pioneer for repair needed on the Old Mill.

Jones reported that Mike Rogers will be paying the city for the share of the pile that has been cleaned up at the shop. Prices have decreased; therefore, Rogers will finish the cleanup process in the spring. The airport received a new hose reel courtesy of the Inez Reed Foundation.

Discussion was held on the abandoned vehicles at the shop.

Zierlein shared with the council that Art and Linda Befort are interested in putting a recycling facility in the old Duntz building.

A current revolving loan will be re-visited at the next regular meeting.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to go into executive session – non-elect personnel, for ten (10) minutes. Motion carried.

Into executive session at 8:30pm.

Out of executive session at 8:40pm.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the council that if any employee wishes to have Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> off, the employee will need to use accumulated leave or take the day unpaid.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Rentschler to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.