

**City of Smith Center**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**7:00 pm**

The City Council met in adjourned session with Bryce Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Dave Mace, Lynn Zierlein, Chris Cole and Jason Baetz. Others present: Tabitha Owen, Jamie Marshall, Dale Pickel, Jill Conaway, Galen Lambert, Joe Barnes, Brad Howland and Garoleen Wilson.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Zierlein to approve the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Dave Mace arrived at 7:01pm.

Garoleen Wilson presented the Economic Development Advisory Board minutes to the council along with the following:

- Information was shared on PHAP (Public Health Actions for Prevention). Jason Baetz will attend the PHAP monthly meetings.
- Heritage Townhomes has one apartment available for rent.
- Peterson Industries, Inc. buildings were discussed. It has been reported to Wilson that the appraisal on the service center has been completed. There will be an on-line auction on BigIron.com towards the end of July.
- An incentive performance agreement was presented to the council. This agreement would be offered in an incentive package to a manufacturing business interested in expanding to the Smith Center area. Specifics of the agreement were discussed, with a decision to alter some of the wording in the “qualifying jobs” and “payment terms” sections to state “working in the Smith Center area”. Clarification was made on the terms addressing full time employment positions. The benefits of adding a manufacturing business to Smith Center were discussed. Wilson was directed to put together an incentive package for prospective businesses.
- Downtown Revitalization-discussion was held on the possibilities of replacing upper story windows. Estimates will be obtained from local contractors.
- Sidewalk Project-This project will be re-visited by the council when more information is available.

Old Business: Pictures were shared with the council on a tree between buildings on Court Street.

Councilmember Cole shared his concerns on the US-36/281 junction with the removal of the flashing light. Other options were discussed. Marshall was instructed to talk to the State of Kansas and report back to the council.

New Business: Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Cole to appoint James Sweat and Kevin Laumann to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Zierlein to re-appoint Fletcher Bolton to the Golf Course Advisory Board. Motion carried.

A cereal malt beverage license application was presented to the council. Motion by Baetz, seconded by Mace to approve the CMB license to The Twisted Petal at their new location. Motion carried.

Superintendent and Council Reports: Pickel approached the council in regards to purchasing a new trailer for the mowers, as the newer mowers are wider. Motion by Cole, seconded by Baetz to allow Dale Pickel to purchase a new trailer at a cost of \$1,795. Motion carried.

Police Chief Marshall shared a resignation from J.T. Jeffery. The open police officer position is being advertised.

Zierlein shared information on the golf course. One of the tractors, a 1990 model, has a transmission in need of repair. Due to the number of hours logged on the tractor, and the approximate cost of repairs (\$3,500-\$4,000), a motion was made by Zierlein, seconded by Baetz to purchase a used 2000 tractor with approximately 825 hours on it for \$10,500 less \$1,000 salvage value offered by John Deere. John Deere will also waive the \$1,000 repair bill, leaving the final purchase price at \$9,500. Motion carried. (Cole abstained)

Zierlein discussed the new markings needed at the airport. Zierlein will talk to Treasurer Jones about charitable funding options for the 10% cost that will be due at the time of completion.

Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Mace to go into executive session at 8:17pm for ten minutes-non-elect personnel. Motion carried. Owen and Conaway to stay in session with council.

Return to regular session at 8:27pm. Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Mace to go into executive session for five minutes-non-elect personnel. Motion carried. Owen and Conaway to stay in session with council.

Return to regular session at 8:32pm. Motion by Baetz, seconded by Cole to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

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Jill Conaway, City Clerk