

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 9th, 2015
7:00 pm

The City Council met in regular session at 7:02pm with Mayor Bryce Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Adam Rentschler, Chris Cole, Lynn Zierlein and Jason Baetz. Absent: Dave Mace.

Others present: Tabitha Owen, Terri Jones, Bill Phillips, Erma Fogo, Steve Fogo and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Zierlein to approve the minutes from June 25th and July 6th, 2015. Motion carried.

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

Erma and Steve Fogo were present to discuss concerns they have with a transportation van driver. The mayor and council will address these concerns and thanked Erma and Steve for attending the meeting.

Jamie Marshall arrived at 7:10pm.

New Business: Bids were reviewed on the standpipe removal. Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Rentschler to accept the bid presented by Iseler Demolition, Inc., contingent on prevailing wages. Motion carried.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Baetz to appoint Linda Befort to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Zierlein to approve amendment no. 3 to the KDHE loan agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Baetz to approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. Motion carried.

After some discussion on grant possibilities for upcoming airport expenses, Zierlein directed Treasurer Jones to apply for a grant to help fund a replacement ceilometer.

Information was shared with the council on the option of using direct deposit for payroll. Motion by Baetz, seconded by Zierlein to implement direct deposit for all employees, beginning this fall. Motion carried.

Superintendent and Council Reports: Bill Phillips reported that all cracks have been filled at the airport on the old runway. Discussion was held on a blower Phillips would like to purchase for using in projects like these.

Information was shared on nuisance letters that were sent within the last two weeks. As directed by the council, a letter will be hand delivered to Rod Blickenstaff requesting his presence at the next council meeting (July 23, 2015). Several properties in ordinance violation were discussed. Inspections and reports will be shared with the council once completed. Condemnation proceedings are a possibility on some of the properties mentioned. Hileman, enforcement officer, will meet with attorney Owen for more clarification. A list of all properties with an ordinance violation(s) will be maintained and reviewed by the council on a monthly basis.

Baetz presented some concerns with repairs needed at the swimming pool. A list will be compiled for the council to review. Baetz will be in contact with area towns that have recently updated or replaced their swimming pool.

Zierlein questioned the specifics on permitted parking of semi trucks. Marshall explained the ordinance specifications. Zierlein reported the purchase of two carts by the Golf Course. These carts were purchased with proceeds from a fundraiser and a grant. The golf course board will be using the Gator during the two day tournament.

Mayor Wiehl asked for a council member to attend the next economic development meeting, in his absence. Rentschler will attend the meeting.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to go into executive session – non-elect personnel for five minutes at 8:05pm. Motion carried. Return to regular session at 8:10pm.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Baetz to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk