

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2016
7:00 pm

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00pm with Mayor Bryce Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Jason Baetz, Adam Rentschler, Lynn Zierlein, Chris Cole, and Dave Mace.

Others present: Bill Phillips, Terri Jones, Jamie Marshall, and Jill Conaway. Chris Miner arrived at 7:24pm.

Motion by Zierlein, seconded by Baetz to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to approve payment of the monthly expenses. Motion carried.

Airport: Information on the re-marking project was shared with the council. Motion by Baetz, seconded by Zierlein to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents pertaining to the project. Motion carried.

Summer Employees: Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Baetz to hire Donna Favinger as Pool Manager for the 2016 season at a rate of \$12/hour; allowing Favinger to hire the full-time and part-time lifeguards, based on the applications received. Motion carried.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Rentschler to hire one summer employee to work at the golf course and eight summer employees to work with the city crew, non-specific to departments. Motion carried.

Department Heads: Mayor Wiehl made the following appointments:

- Water/Sewer-Dave Mace
- Streets/Recreation-Adam Rentschler
- Police/Fire-Chris Cole
- Pool/Parks-Jason Baetz
- Airport/Golf-Lynn Zierlein
- Economic Development-Bryce Wiehl

Srader Center: An estimate was reviewed to install vertical blinds on the South side of the walkway between the Srader Center and the Library. Discussion was held on the possibility of applying for a grant to aid in the expense. Item was tabled until the April 28, 2016 meeting.

Superintendents: The council commended Bill Phillips and city crew on the work done to complete the parking area on the West side of the Srader/City Hall building.

Jamie Marshall received two police car bids. Bids received:

Matteson Motors: \$27,600

Beloit Truck & Auto: \$26,259

Cole reviewed the two bids with the council, as the bids received show different vehicle options. Questions were asked of Marshall on the specifications that best meet his need. Motion by Cole, seconded by Baetz to accept the bid from Beloit Truck & Auto, adding the purchase of key fobs; to be completed as a 3 year lease purchase. Motion carried.

Wagner Park: Terri Jones shared costs of mulch for the playground area of Wagner Park. Motion by Mace, seconded by Baetz to approve the purchase of mulch for the playground. Motion carried.

Downtown Looking Up: Motion by Baetz, seconded by Mace to approve an application for a grant through the Smith County Community Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 for the Downtown Looking Up Program. Motion carried.

Commercial Insurance: The cost of renewing the commercial insurance package through Smith County Insurance Services was reviewed. Concerns were shared on the increase in premium. Inquiries will be made on the coverage and options. Motion by Mace, seconded by Rentschler to approve the payment to renew the insurance package, and to advertise for bids prior to the renewal date for 2017. Aye: Mace, Rentschler, Baetz, Cole. Nay: Zierlein. Motion carried.

Property: It was the consensus of the council to advertise for sale the vehicles located at the condemned property at 304 East 3rd Street. If the vehicles do not sell outright, they will be sold for salvage.

Srader Center: Concerns were shared on a tree located on the south side of the Courtyard. Baetz will meet with Marc Reilley to find a remedy.

Fire Department: Cole reported receiving two nice donations for the fire department.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Baetz to go into executive session, for non-elect personnel, at 8:04pm for 10 minutes, to include Jamie Marshall. Motion carried. Into executive session at 8:04pm, out of executive session at 8:14pm.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Baetz to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Attest:



Jill Conaway, City Clerk