

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2016
7:00 pm

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

Others present: Alana Respass Williams, Laura Hageman, Garoleen Wilson, Rick Hileman, Jamie Marshall, Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Mace to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: Laura Hageman and Alana Respass Williams presented information to the council on a Public Health Action for Prevention grant through the KDOT, Transportation Alternatives grant program. The coalition has been formed and will be applying with the main focus goal of providing safe routes to school by placing sidewalks, trails, possible additional signage, possible additional school crossing guards, etc. If awarded, the first year is considered a planning year. Hageman and Williams invited the governing body to attend the school board meeting on May 9, 2016 where the state coordinator Mike Spadafore will be present to explain the grant in detail.

Srader Walkway Blinds: A grant application has been submitted to assist with the placement of blinds in the Srader Walkway.

Property: Motion by Cole, seconded by Rentschler to accept two properties, gifted by Carolyn Peterson to the City of Smith Center, 105 West Court and 107 West Court. Motion carried.

Council President: Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to appoint Lynn Zierlein as City Council President. Motion carried.

Recreation Commission: Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Baetz to appoint Denyse Kattenberg to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

Proclamation: Motion by Mace, seconded by Cole to proclaim the week of May 1-7, 2016 as Public Service Recognition Week. Motion carried.

Bids: The council reviewed bids received from NCK Area Services and Levin Construction, Inc. regarding property at 304 East Third Street. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Baetz to accept the bid from NCK Area Services in the amount of \$10,000 to remove trees and stumps from the property, demolish and remove the house and buildings including all contents and concrete, and filling in the basement, with this bid amount including the dump fees and trees hauled to a different location. Motion carried.

Skid Steer: The new skid steer has been delivered.

Economic Development ROZ: Garoleen Wilson presented information on the ROZ program. For 2016, the Economic Development Advisory Board would like to sponsor additional recipients. Motion by Mace, seconded by Cole to sponsor an additional 3 recipients, for a total of 12, in the amount of \$18,000 (\$1,500 per recipient) for 2016. Motion carried.

Storefront Grant: Motion by Cole, seconded by Baetz to approve a Storefront grant to Simmons-Rentschler Mortuary in the amount of \$2,043.75. Motion carried. (Rentschler abstained)

Motion by Mace, seconded by Baetz to approve a Storefront grant to Rentschler LLC in the amount of \$2,043.75. Motion carried. (Rentschler abstained)

Downtown Looking Up: Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to approve a Downtown Looking Up grant to Julie Kuhlmann Photography at 127 South Main Street. Motion carried.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Rentschler to approve a Downtown Looking Up grant to Farm Bureau Financial Services-John Struckhoff at 126 South Main Street. Motion carried.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Mace to approve a Downtown Looking Up grant to Larry's TV at 121 South Main Street. Motion carried.

Grants: Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Baetz to approve Brittany Pennington to receive a \$3,000 Storefront grant and a \$5,000 Jump Start grant,

provided the Business Development and Expansion Revolving Loan is paid in full. Motion carried.

Superintendents: Rick Hileman reviewed the nuisance report with the council. Vehicles located at 304 East Third will be sold for salvage. A letter will be delivered by the Police Department to the owner of 213 East Kansas, stating that cleanup of said property is to be completed in full by 8am on May 9, 2016. At that time, if nuisance is not completely abated, the City will follow the statute guidelines, removing said nuisance in its entirety, to the Smith County Landfill.

Additional nuisance complaints were reviewed by the council.

Jamie Marshall presented a quote on 800 band radios. Discussion was held on the difference between the narrow band and the 800 band. No action was taken. Rentschler asked Marshall to clarify status of vehicles with out of state and out of county tags located in the city. Marshall reported serving a letter to a parent, banning their child from Wagner Park for a time period of six months.

Terri Jones informed the council that Cherie Herredsberg would like permission to use Wagner Park for a Girl Scout camp-out. The council granted this request.

City clean-up has been scheduled for May 16-20. The Chamber of Commerce will advertise the details.

The mulch has been delivered and put in place at Wagner Park.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Mace to go into executive session, for non-elect personnel, at 8:15pm for 10 minutes. Motion carried. Into executive session at 8:15pm, out of executive session at 8:25pm.

Motion by Baetz, seconded by Rentschler to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk

