

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2018
6:00pm

The City Council met in adjourned session with Mayor Bryce Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Adam Rentschler, Don Wick, Tracy Kingsbury and Chris Cole. Absent: Dave Mace.

Others present: Chris Miner, Dale Pickel, Brad Howland, Jamie Marshall, Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

Mayor Wiehl called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Kingsbury to approve the minutes of the February 14th meeting. Motion carried.

Employee Sick Leave Policy

As the city attorney was not present, this item was tabled to the March 14th meeting.

Economic Development

Brad Howland presented items from the February Economic Development Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Wick, seconded by Rentschler to approve a Store Front Grant to Top Shelf Lumber for \$1,950, to be paid once invoices are turned into the office. Motion carried. Discussion was held on recurring delinquent Business Development and Expansion Revolving Loans to Roy and Katie Shellito. The council will confer with the city attorney to enforce the terms of the loans.

Superintendent Reports

Dale Pickel and Jamie Marshall reported on their departments.

Terri Jones shared information on a public hearing to be held on March 7th regarding an application submitted by SunPorch to change the zoning south of the new hospital from R-1 (Single Family Dwelling) District to R-3 (Multiple Family Dwelling) District. The council will hold a special meeting following this hearing, at 6:30pm to vote on the results of the hearing. After discussion on the building area, the office will obtain clarification on adjoining roads to this location.

The Srader Foundation is applying for property tax exemption on the Hardly Used Shop building. The council signed a letter of support to the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals to accompany the Srader Foundation's application.

Council Reports

Rentschler met with the city employees about inventory and upcoming changes with those retiring during the year. As discussed at the last meeting, a comparison of electric and gas costs over the last year on all city property was reviewed. Options to cut utility costs at various locations include purchasing a programmable thermostat for a facility used by the public and not excessively heating areas infrequently used, as well as checking the facilities for gaps or cracks for better efficiency.

Executive Session

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Wick to recess at 6:51pm for ten (10) minutes to executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception, to discuss employee performance, with Terri Jones and Jill Conaway present. Motion carried. Into executive session at 6:51pm, returned to open session at 7:01pm.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to terminate employment with Randy Allen. Motion carried.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury to adjourn at 7:04pm. Motion carried.

Attest:



Jill Conaway, City Clerk