

**City of Smith Center**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 25, 2017**  
**6:00pm**

The City Council met in adjourned session with Council President Adam Rentschler presiding. Other council members present: Dave Mace, Sonny Manley, Tracy Kingsbury, and Chris Cole.

Others present: Arloa Barnes, Tabitha Owen, Jamie Marshall, Julie Troy, Mickey Drake, Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

Rentschler called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Manley, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 minutes as written. Motion carried.

**CMB License**

Motion by Mace, seconded by Kingsbury to approve a 2018 CMB license to Casey's General Store. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Reports**

Rick Hileman presented and reviewed the Nuisance Report. The following bids were presented to the council to replace a 2007 Grasshopper mower:

Grasshopper 225 Commercial Grade trade-in difference of \$6,700

Grasshopper 225V Residential Grade trade-in difference of \$5,270

Upon review and discussion, a motion was made by Manley, seconded by Mace to approve purchase of the Grasshopper 225 Commercial Grade mower from 2017 funds, with delivery and warranty register in the spring of 2018. Motion carried.

**Police Department**

Chief Marshall reported approximately \$750-\$1,000 of damage to the Wagner Park bathrooms. Marshall intends on having the police building emptied the week of October 30<sup>th</sup> for new bids on the HVAC and construction needs. The council received a letter regarding an alleyway located in block 13 of the First Re-Plot of CK&N Addition. There is a No Parking sign in place that will either be moved for better visibility or another sign will be placed. The department will enforce the signage via ticket or if habitual, the tow of any vehicle parking in the alleyway. Marshall and Owen explained that the portion of the letter referencing a vicious dog has already been dealt with.

Due to other commitments, Owen left the meeting at 6:46pm.

## **Economic Development**

The Economic Development Board approved an application from H & R Block for a Downtown Looking Up Grant. Bids will be obtained and brought to the council for approval.

After detailed discussion, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Mace to approve updating the hotel feasibility study at an approximate cost of \$3,250-\$3,500, based on the vote of the Economic Development Board. Motion carried.

As the north section of the Embellishments/Blooms building has been sold to Billy Davis and improvements have been and are continuing to be made to the south section, the City releases the lien on the building section now owned by Billy Davis.

The Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development are sponsoring a Christmas Kick-off on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with various activities planned. Many of the businesses will be open from 3pm-8pm. The council granted permission to close the west 100 block of Kansas Avenue during this time period. In conjunction, a motion was made by Manley, seconded by Cole to approve the request made by the Econ Dev board to include a contest for the participating businesses with a \$500 prize.

## **Public Transportation**

Conaway and Rentschler met with members of the governing body at Lebanon, Gaylord, and Kensington recently to discuss the possibility of expanding the current public transportation program. All communities were receptive. The budget application is in process at this time. If approved by the KDOT and FTA to expand the program, the program could begin servicing these areas as soon as the new van is delivered and additional part-time drivers are hired and complete trainings.

## **Council Reports**

Golf Course memberships were discussed. As Golf Course Department Head, Kingsbury will address membership non-payment with two GC Board members. Rentschler asked the other council members about winter storage for the Recreation Commission lawn tractor. Arrangements will be made with Dave Tharp to store the lawn tractor in the water plant.

## **Executive Session**

Motion by Mace, seconded by Cole to recess at 6:54pm for fifteen (15) minutes to executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception, to discuss employee performance. Motion carried. Into executive session at 6:55pm,

returned to open session at 7:10pm. Motion by Mace, seconded by Cole to extend executive session five (5) minutes. Motion carried. Return to executive session at 7:11pm, returned to open session at 7:16pm.

Motion by Manley, seconded by Mace to adjourn at 7:17pm. Motion carried.

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Jill Conaway, City Clerk