

# Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021 – Held at SC Firehouse

## I. Call to Order

Mayor Bryce Wiehl called to order the regular meeting of the city council at 6pm on January 11, 2021.

## II. Attendance

Council members Adam Rentschler, Don Wick, Chris Cole, Shawn Phelps, and Tracy Kingsbury.

Others: Tabitha Owen, Jamie Marshall, Kim Phelps, Linda and David Edell, Terri Jones, Rick Hileman, and Jill Conaway.

## III. Previous Minutes and Payment Vouchers

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to approve the December 28, 2020 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve payment of vouchers. Motion carried.

## IV. Previous/Ongoing Business

- a) Gaylord Agreement Review  
The agreement in place was reported as working well.
- b) CDBG Pay Request  
Motion by Wick, seconded by Rentschler, to approve the CDBG drawdown and payment request as submitted. Motion carried.
- c) CDBG Pool Project Change Order  
Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to approve the submitted change order as required by OSHA for the installation of a ladder system with handrails and safety gate on the pits. Motion carried.

## V. New business

- a) Resolution 2021-1 GAAP  
Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Phelps, to adopt resolution 2021-1. Motion carried.
- b) Resolution 2021-2 Newspaper Designation  
Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to adopt resolution 2021-2 designating the Smith County Pioneer as the official city newspaper for publication of legal notices. Motion carried.
- c) Resolution 2021-3 Depositories  
Motion by Wick, seconded by Cole, to adopt resolution 2021-3 designating the three local banks as depositories. Motion carried.
- d) Department Head Designations  
Motion by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve Mayor Wiehl's appointment of department head designations, to remain as in the prior year. Motion carried.

## **VI. Superintendent Reports**

- a) Chief Jamie Marshall  
Expressed thanks to Attorney Owen for the purchase of four car radios, handheld radios, and batteries from her diversion funding.  
Expressed thanks to the city crew employees and public transit driver that assisted in the cleanup as well as the transport of citizen to work and citizen's vehicle to the body shop; following an accident last week.  
  
Quotes will be obtained to present to the council on a replacement police vehicle. Discussion was held on the type of vehicle to price, with a final decision to obtain pricing on various models.
- b) Attorney Owen  
Owen and Wick spoke with the council on a resident's flag that contains profanity and is currently displayed within close proximity of a school and city street frequently traveled by students; and first amendment rights.

## **VII. Council Reports**

- a) Rentschler-Departments Airport/Streets/Transit  
Discussed options for a soft opening of the Srader building second floor. The consensus of the council was to open the second floor on weekdays from 8am to 4pm. The floor will remain closed on weekends, late afternoons and evenings, holidays, and any time the administration office is closed. Health safety protocols will be required. The locker rooms will remain closed.
- b) Phelps-Departments Golf/Rec  
Inquired on the establishment date of the Downtown Revitalization program. As that program is under the economic development department, he was asked to inquire with that office. Phelps also reported that business owners have asked him what benefits they may qualify for and how to apply under this program. He was asked to refer those with inquiries to contact the economic development office.
- c) Cole-Departments Fire/Police  
An extractor and gear dryer were purchased through the county SPARKS funding. Through donation and other grant funding, a remote mount nozzle was added to one of the rural fire trucks to assist in distinguishing grass and other similar type fires in a safer manner.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion by Wick, seconded by Cole, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk