

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020-6:00 pm

The City Council met in regular session with Mayor Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Dave Mace, Don Wick, Tracy Kingsbury, Chris Cole (arrived at 6:13pm) and new member Shawn Phelps. Absent: Adam Rentschler.

Others present: Rick Hileman, Hope Padilla, Brad Howland, Jamie Marshall, Mickey Drake, Tabitha Owen, Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Mace, to approve payment of the monthly expenses. Motion carried.

Land Bank

Information on the Land Bank from prior meetings was reviewed by the Governing Body. After in depth discussion on various details of the project, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole to adopt Ordinance 1026 establishing a Land Bank, with the addition of “ The land bank will be guided in its affairs by the City Council members as the board of trustees” in Section 1. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mace, seconded by Kingsbury, to establish that all appointments to said board, advisors, and staff will be made by the City Council. Motion carried.

CDBG-Pool Project

A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to approve the Request for Funds #1 for the CDBG Pool Project in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried.

As all of the agenda items through Old Business were concluded, Mace was thanked for his service on the Council. Mace left the meeting. Returning Councilmembers Cole and Wick were sworn in. New member Shawn Phelps was sworn in and took a seat at the Council table.

Resolutions and Designations

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to adopt Resolution 2020-1 regarding GAAP. Motion carried.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Cole, to adopt Resolution 2020-2 designating The Smith County Pioneer as the official city newspaper for publication of legal notices, advertisement or publications of any kind of the City of Smith Center. Motion carried.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Wick, to designate The Peoples Bank, The Guaranty State Bank, and Smith County Bank as depositories for City funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve Mayor Wiehl’s department head designations as follows:

- Adam Rentschler: Streets; Airport; and General Public Transportation
- Chris Cole: Fire and Police
- Tracy Kingsbury: Water and Waste Disposal
- Don Wick: Pool and Parks
- Shawn Phelps: Golf and Recreation
- Bryce Wiehl: Economic Development

Motion carried. All boards, commissions, and supervisors will be updated.

Supervisor Reports

Marshall reported the move to the new office nearly complete.

Hileman reported on the completion of the sale of the 2000 GMC pickup.

Jones presented information on the water meter readers that included issues such as technical problems when uploading, the short charge time and expiration of software support. A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick to approve the purchase of new readers at \$6,700/each (price reflects amount negotiated down from \$7,900/each). Motion carried.

Conaway received a call from Nex-Tech that the replacement server is on backorder, expected to be delivered and set up by January 24th.

Council Reports

Cole and Chief Marshall spoke on the 800 MHz radios that many emergency responders have transitioned to. Our Police Department has portable units; however the installed units in the vehicles have not been updated to the higher band. Cole reported that the Fire Department has purchased a few hand held radios, leaving many of the volunteer's radios the lower band as well as in the emergency response vehicles. Communication with the Sheriff's Department and EMS is limited with the lower band as of now, prompting concerns. Additional information will be obtained on transitioning to the higher band, as well as researching purchase options as the cost is significant.

Wick received complaints on the lighting by Paul's Café/US Center and lack of sufficient lighting at the highway entrance to Smith County Memorial Hospital.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Phelps to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk