

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bryce Wiehl called the meeting to order at 6pm on Monday, January 23, 2023, at the Srader Building.

II. Attendance

Council members: Chris Cole, Don Wick, Tracy Kingsbury, Dave Mace, and Brady Peterson.

Others: Jerry Blank, Rick Hileman, Kim Phelps, Dana Peterson, Aurielle Hughes, Kim Maudlin, and Jill Conaway.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wick, to approve the previous meeting minutes, vouchers, and receipts. Motion carried.

IV. Guest

- a) Chamber of Commerce-Jerry Blank presented the budget and membership information to the council, including some of the upcoming events the Chamber will promote. Motion by Wick, seconded by Mace, to allot \$9,300 to the Chamber of Commerce for the 2023 fiscal year. Motion carried.

V. New Business

- a) Council Designations-Mayor Wiehl made the following department head designations:
 - Fire Department/Police Department – Chris Cole
 - Water/Waste Disposal – Tracy Kingsbury
 - Pool/Recreation Commission/Public Transportation – Don Wick
 - Golf Course/Street Department – Dave Mace
 - Parks/Airport – Brady Peterson

Motion by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the mayor's designations. Motion carried.

VI. Department Reports/Committee & Board Report

- a) Economic Development-Dana Peterson presented items from the board's meeting. Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve a \$2,500 Residential Cleanup Grant to Scott and Joleen Brewer for property at 318 W. Kansas Avenue. Motion carried. Motion by Mace, seconded by Peterson, to approve a \$3,000 Residential Revitalization Grant to Scott and Joleen Brewer for property at 318 W. Kansas Avenue to be revitalized as a rental. Motion carried. For the next action item, Mayor Wiehl asked councilman Peterson to step out of the room. Following discussion and an omission of one item applied for, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to approve a \$5,000 Jumpstart Grant to Brady Peterson for the purchase of Subway, to be used towards the purchase of a toaster oven, and repairs on a cooler and plumbing. Motion carried. Peterson re-entered the meeting.

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Mace, to remove Matt Lyon and Todd Churchill from the Recruitment Committee. Motion carried.

Following review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mace, to approve the changes to the Commercial Property Revitalization Grant. Motion carried.

- b) Hileman-The vac trailer is being repaired under warranty. Hileman shared a conversation he had recently on snow removal on sidewalks in the business district, where the city only clears these sidewalks if they are picking up snow. Damage to a business owner's sidewalks following a previous snow is not the responsibility of the city as the crew did not remove snow at that time.
- c) Conaway-Presented items from the golf board's meeting. A motion was made by Mace, seconded by Wick, to purchase a tree spade with funding received from the Smith County Community Foundation. The council reviewed the membership increases shown in the minutes. Detailed discussion commenced on the reciprocating membership and fee. Following clarification from John Boden via phone, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Peterson, to set golf membership rates as follows: Annual cart rental \$450; reciprocating membership with Osborne and Phillipsburg \$150; single membership \$400; family membership \$475; and enrolled college student up to and including age 23 \$150. Motion carried. The cost to offer automatic payments to members will be obtained and brought back to the council for discussion. Following review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mace, to accept the resignation from the golf course board submitted by Alex Hobelmann. Motion carried.
- d) Hughes-The pre-bid conference was held last week on the pool house, with the bid opening scheduled for February 1st.

VII. Governing Body Reports

- a) Wick-Pool/Recreation Commission/Transit
Ask the other members for input on the Recreation Commission offering activities for the adults in the community. Wick will be in contact with the board to attend their meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Mace, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.