

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021

I. Call to Order

Council President Rentschler called to order the meeting of the city council at 1pm on February 22, 2021.

II. Attendance

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

Others: Linda Edell, Terri Jones, Rick Hileman, Kim Phelps, Nickole Byers, Jolene Brewer, Steven Clark, Jamie Marshall, Sheldon Kenworthy, Ken Jones, Darin Janzen, Sherry Weatherholt, Bobby Hart, and Jill Conaway.

III. Consent Agenda

Phelps questioned the scheduling process and agenda of the special meeting held February 2nd. Following clarification, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

IV. Superintendent and Department Reports

- a) Police Department-Chief Marshall presented bids for a vehicle for the department. Discussion was held on the various bids. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Phelps, to approve the quote from Beloit Truck & Auto of \$27,365 for a 2021 Dodge Charger; phasing out the 2007 Dodge Charger that will later be sold at auction. Motion carried.
Marshall also reported on officer online training in progress.

- b) Economic Development Board-Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to accept the resignation of Brandon Hrabe from the Department Advisory Board. Motion carried. Conaway presented the board's decision to appoint Rachel Jones and Joe Stansbury to the Advisory Board. Phelps stated that he does not believe new members should be appointed until prior issues with economic development are addressed; and he wants the board and the council to meet in order to work on what the vision is going forward with that department. Rentschler stated that he agreed that a joint session should be scheduled. A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to appoint Rachel Jones and Joe Stansbury to the advisory board. Motion carried (3-1; aye-Rentschler, Kingsbury, Wick; nay-Phelps).
Jump Start Grant-Phelps questioned the setup of the payment disbursement of the program. Conaway explained that the program is set up by the advisory board and then approved by the council, his concerns will be shared with the board. Motion by Phelps, seconded by Kingsbury to approve the grant for Mid-America Massage, to be disbursed at \$312.50 a month for 16 months contingent on obtaining business liability insurance. Motion carried.

Clean Up & Revitalization Grant-Motion by Phelps, seconded by Wick, to approve a grant for Robert and Diana Feldmann for the demolition and rebuild of a garage. Motion carried.

- c) Hileman reported that the golf course reel mower is needing some costly repairs. Due to the cost and age, and after receiving information on a new smaller model priced at over \$44k; information was shared on a used unit the Red Cloud County Club has for sale. Priced at \$4,500 and well taken care of, a motion was made by Phelps, seconded by Wick, to purchase the used mower as presented. Motion carried.
Hileman presented a contract option with Sargent Drilling to inspect and clean the five wells at Gaylord, a beneficial service. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the contract for services on an annual basis. Motion carried.
- d) Conaway shared information on the CCLIP Project 281-92, from the railroad track to south city limits. A motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to approve agreement 38-21 with KDOT. Motion carried.
Noted in the packets were the minutes from the Golf Course Advisory Board and the report from KDHE on the results of wastewater samples collected for the COVID-19 project.
- e) Jones asked and received permission to start advertising for a swimming pool manager as training on the new pool will be held in April.
The airport hangars have a new tenant. Jones reported the need to have one additional hangar rented to qualify for discretionary funds.

V. Council Reports

- a) Phelps-Departments Golf/Rec Commission
Reported on the advisory board meeting that included election of officers, upcoming tournament schedule, possible options to sponsor lessons from Alex Hobelman, upgrades and repairs, and scheduled purchase of trees. Additional discussion was held on the types of trees that Boden intends on planting, with Wick suggesting the trees to be native to the area for longevity.
- b) Wick-Departments Parks/Pool
Good progress was reported on the construction of the new pool. Expressed gratitude to the city crew for all of the work done during the extreme weather. Wick also suggested the city be proactive with Tractor Supply Company. Conaway will make contact.
- c) Kingsbury-Departments Water/Sewer
Commended the city crew as they have been repairing several water line breaks in extreme weather.
Kingsbury inquired on the service line warranty program, stating that he believes it to be a good company and in time will see how the program works out.
- d) Rentschler-Departments Airport/Streets/Transit

Also commended the city crew on the good work through the elements and the results of. Hileman also wanted the council to be aware the John Boden also works on these line breaks and snow removal. As the golf superintendent, many are not always aware of his efforts outside of the golf course.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:52pm.