

**City of Smith Center**  
**March 7, 2018**  
**Special Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m.**

A special meeting was scheduled on February 28, 2018 to be held tonight regarding a zoning request and hearing.

Present: Dave Mace, Tracy Kingsbury, Chris Cole, John Grace, Terri Jones, Mickey Drake, Kathy Hansen, James Sweat, Marvin Gillen, Linda Morgan, Linda Befort, Sara Sadler, Junior Vandergeisen, and Jill Conaway.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

John Grace speaking on behalf of SunPorch, presented the plans including the location of the various facilities to be built. Residents of the area voiced their concerns of how the property would be used should SunPorch become insolvent in the future as well as building in an area west of the north/south road in place. Council members explained to Mr. Grace that while they support positive growth in Smith Center the following assurances need to be in place:

- The requests of the residents in the vicinity are not compromised and
- A fair agreement on a P.I.L.O.T. program (payment in lieu of taxes) can be reached as current facilities in Smith Center are charged property taxes.

Mr. Grace explained that Smith County owns the land in question that is currently on lease for elder care only; as well as agreeing to leave the area west of the north/south road vacant from building as all plans are set to build to the east of said road.

As a result of discussion on how the property will be used, a motion was made by Mace, seconded by Kingsbury to re-zone the entire area annexed in for the county from R-1 to R-3, per recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Mace to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Attest:

  
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Jill Conaway, City Clerk