

**City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
April 29, 2019
6:00 pm**

The City Council met in special session with Mayor Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Adam Rentschler, Dave Mace, Chris Cole, and Tracy Kingsbury (arrived at 6:06pm). Others present: Arloa Barnes, Larry Lambert, Jerald Ratliff, Libby McDonald, Donna Favinger, Robert Pruden, Judy Lambert, Tabitha Owen, Brad Howland, Kristi Jones, Barry Brooks, Corina Cox, Amber Conaway, Jamie Marshall, Anne Dietrich, Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Housing Authority

Motion by Cole, seconded by Mace, to appoint Brayton Gillen to the Housing Authority. Motion carried.

Library Board

Motion by Mace, seconded by Rentschler, to re-appoint Deb Ward to the Library Board. Motion carried.

Recreation Commission

Motion by Cole, seconded by Mace, to appoint Jeff Albert and Merissa Rentschler to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried. (Rentschler abstained)

Financial Audit

An agreement with Mapes & Miller LLP, Certified Public Accountants, was approved with a motion by Rentschler, second by Mace, to perform the fiscal audit for year 2018-fee not to exceed \$10,025; year 2019-fee not to exceed \$10,125; and year 2020-fee not to exceed \$10,225. Motion carried.

Economic Development

Brad Howland presented the minutes of the April Economic Development Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to approve a Clean-up and Revitalization Grant to Matt LeBarge for \$1,500. Motion carried.

Reports

Mower and Trailer Rick Hileman presented a quote to purchase a new mower, with a trade difference of \$3,225. Motion by Cole, seconded by Rentschler, to purchase the 2019 John Deere X380, trading in a 2010 John Deere X320 (VIN5313) at the cost presented. Motion carried. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Mace to approve the purchase of a trailer from Cole's Auto Supply for \$1,850. Motion carried.

Wagner Park Hileman presented options to replace the siding on the restrooms at Wagner Park. The council agreed to purchase the car siding presented instead of the more expensive cedar option.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:15pm, Mayor Wiehl opened the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant for a Swimming Pool. Corina Cox (Northwest Kansas Planning and Development) presented information on the CDBG as well as details in the application. Cox explained the deadline to submit the application is May 15th; with notification of recipients approved on July 1st. The applications are reviewed by a point system that includes the project need, scope of work, readiness (land-engineer-administrator-funds), reasonable admittance fees, and the ability to maintain.

The following was presented to the governing body: Resolution 2019-3; Cash Commitment Letter; List of donation matches; Resolution 2019-4; Statement of Assurances; Anti-displacement; Disclosure Report; Environmental Review; Conflict of Interest; Administration Contract; and the Architect Contract. Cox asked for any public comments. With no comments presented, the public hearing closed at 6:24pm; resuming the council meeting.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Kingsbury to approve Resolution 2019-3. Motion carried. Motion by Cole, seconded by Mace, to approve Resolution 2019-4. Motion carried. Motion by Mace, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the Administration Contract. Motion carried. Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Cole, to approve the Engineering Contract. Motion carried. Mayor Wiehl thanked Corina Cox for assisting with the grant, the members of the Swimming Pool Committee for their dedication to the project, as well as the community and alumni for their support in donations.

Discussion was held on the swimming pool admittance fees. To assure affordable access to the swimming pool for all community members, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Mace, to maintain the admittance fees at the current rates for a period of ten (10) years. Motion carried.

Summer Employees

Hileman reviewed applications for summer employment with the council. A motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Mace to hire one summer employee to work at the golf course and 5 summer employees to work with the city crew, non-specific to departments. Motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by Cole, seconded by Rentschler to hire Donna Favinger as Pool Manager for the 2019 season; allowing Favinger to hire the full-time and part-time lifeguards, based on the applications received. Motion carried.

Councilmember Cole left the meeting at 6:55pm due to another commitment.

Councilman Kingsbury inquired on the procedure to purchase concrete. Hileman reported the procedure of obtaining quotes from the area companies, comparing the same product and services. The crew will work with the lowest bidder for the season.

Motion by Mace, seconded by Kingsbury, to adjourn at 6:58pm. Motion carried.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk