

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bryce Wiehl called to order the meeting of the city council at 6pm on May 10, 2021.

II. Attendance

Council members: Tracy Kingsbury, Don Wick, and Chris Cole. Absent: Adam Rentschler. Others: Tabitha Owen, Chief Jamie Marshall, Officer Sheldon Kenworthy, Joleen Brewer, Terri Jones, Rick Hileman, Kim Phelps, Bob Hart, and Jerald Ratliff.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the previous meeting minutes and payment of vouchers. Motion carried.

IV. Previous/Ongoing Business

- a) CDBG Payment Request-Motion by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve pay request #10 as presented. Motion carried.
- b) KA-5988-01 Project Agreement-A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to approve the contract with KDOT for the K204 project scheduled for 2022-2023. Motion carried.

V. New Business

- a) Council Resignation-Motion by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to accept the resignation of Shawn Phelps effective May 5, 2021. Motion carried.
- b) Council Position-With an open position on the council, Mayor Wiehl recommended the appointment of David Mace to complete the vacated term, explaining the possibility of new members to the Governing Body with the upcoming elections for three positions (mayor and two council positions). Appointing Mace to the council would bring experience in the position. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to appoint David Mace to the open council position. Motion carried.

VI. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Chief Marshall-Reported on the open position in the department. Cole stated that Bailey from the Sheriff's Department had contacted him regarding a grant application he is completing for in-vehicle cameras. Bailey is combining both departments in the application. Wick inquired on the stop ahead warning signs on Main Street/US-281. Marshall reported that Conaway had contacted KDOT. In response, KDOT was not aware the signs had been taken down. The agreement with KDOT holds the City responsible for the cost and placement of the signs. Marshall also reported that PrairieLand will adjust a light to assist in visibility.

- b) Hileman- Reported on the repair work on two of the wells by Sargent Drilling, that will continue over the next couple of weeks.
Hileman shared the golf lessons Alex Hobelman will be providing. The supplies and equipment approved by the advisory board will be purchased, with reimbursements intended through grants applied for.
Wick inquired on recent storm damage and issues at the swimming pool.
- c) Jones-Thankfully reported that the Srader Foundation fully funded the cost of the Srader Access System recently installed.

VII. Governing Body Reports

- a) Kingsbury-Water/Sewer
Asked if LaDow could purchase a meter pit pump. All members agreed to the purchase.
- b) Wick-Pool/Parks
Information was shared on the swimming pool, that was received late in the day. The Kansas Department of Commerce-CDBG email stated that pools under the program can open once the testing of pool equipment passes inspection. Previously, it was required to complete the monitoring process and closure on the project prior to opening. Also, additional equipment previously not allowed until the closure of the project can be installed after the monitoring inspection. All of the changes have been frustrating with regards to scheduling the opening day and dedication of the new pool.
Wick asked Hileman if there was enough seasonal help hired. Hileman responded that at this point, he is unsure as a full-time city crew employee intends on leaving as he will be moving, by the end of the month. The council agreed to allow advertising to be placed for a full-time crew member, with applications to be reviewed at the next council meeting.

Hileman has concerns on the chlorine gas set up at the new swimming pool. After discussion on regulations and requirements, it was decided that Lamp Rynearson and Carrother's Construction would be contacted first thing in the morning for clarification and to assure the requirements are being met, as most pools use chlorine tablets instead.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Wick, seconded by Cole, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.