

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2025

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, at the Srader Building.

**Attendance**

Governing Body Members: Ty Wallgren, Don Wick, Everett Mansholt, Bryce Wiehl, Chris Cole, and Tracy Kingsbury.

Others: Tabitha Owen, Melissa Colby, Kim Maudlin, Brady Peterson, Kim Phelps, Jamie Marshall, Valerie Haskett, Scott Roth, and Jill Conaway.

**II. Consent Agenda**

Following review, a motion was made by Mansholt, seconded by Wallgren, to approve the meeting minutes; vouchers, and receipts. Motion carried.

**III. Guest-Brady Peterson**

Peterson addressed the governing body regarding a food truck that recently rented the Dutch Mill. Peterson shared his perspective that the city should not allow commercial use of municipal properties; the use of city utilities, and how the property is rented, except for fundraisers or equivalent special events. Attorney Owen and members of the governing body commented that the city does not have a policy against food trucks coming to town and shared that the city collects \$25 for each day that the Dutch Mill is rented. Detailed discussion commenced such as business property taxes; selling food for personal/business benefit; the mill being an icon that brings people to town; the use of other city properties such as roadside park; other food trucks and vendors that sell in town; and the rental fees that cover the electric bill. Members of the governing body shared that while they understood Peterson's concerns, they also understand the benefit of bringing others to town. The city will reach out to area communities on how they handle food trucks, reporting at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**IV. Previous/Ongoing Business**

K204 CE Agreement-Following review, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wallgren, to approve the K204 CE Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

## **V. New Business**

- a) Designations and Appointments-Mayor Wiehl made the following designations and appointments: Judge-Michael Kirkhhoff; Attorney-Tabitha Owen; Chief of Police-Jamie Marshall; Police Officers-Joshua Niles and Brett Decker; City Clerk-Jill Conaway; and City Treasurer-Melissa Colby. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Mansholt, to approve the designations and appointments as stated. Motion carried.
- b) Sidewalk Program-The council reviewed an application from the Smith County Health Department to replace the sidewalk in front of their building at 119 S. Main Street. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve up to \$2,000 in reimbursement (50% of the total cost). Motion carried.

## **VI. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports**

- a) Library Board-A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to accept the resignation of Judy Burgess from the library board. Motion carried. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Mansholt, to appoint Staci Buckmaster to replace Pam Hutchinson who has completed her second term; and Sandra Wick to fulfill Burgess' term. Motion carried (Wick abstained).
- b) Police Department-Chief Marshall suggested an increase in court cost fees. A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to increase the fees to \$94. Motion carried.
- c) Clerk-Conaway reminded the governing body that there will not be a second meeting in May, due to the holiday.  
Conaway shared a letter from Girl Scout Troop #20428 leaders Sherri Sauer and Alaina Hughes. In the letter, they thanked the council for the quick front window replacement and support during cookie sales. The troop leaders also proposed that the other windows get replaced; and also stated that it would be a great place for the city to rent out as a venue if updated and maintained. Conaway will obtain quotes to bring to the next city council meeting; and will check for any stipulations of use on the property when it became property of the city.

A recess was called at 6:30 p.m. for the Land Bank meeting.

The city council meeting resumed at 6:42 p.m.

## **VII. Governing Body Reports**

- a) Wallgren-Reported on a nice turnout of approximately 50 children on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the airport for the free airplane rides provided by the Young Eagles Flights Chapter of Ellsworth, Kansas, promoting aviation for youth; and thanked Colby for organizing and attending the event.
- b) Mansholt-Reported on plumbing issues in the north restrooms at the golf course.
- c) Wick-Shared that the construction crews are busy working on the new pool bathhouse.
- d) Cole-Shared the receipt amounts of the mower that were sold on auction and inquired on if the older dump truck is lined up to be placed on auction.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Cole, seconded Wick, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.