

Smith Center City Council Special Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2020 @ 4:30pm

A special meeting was called regarding the CDBG Swimming Pool Project and the 2020 Pool operations.

Governing body members present: Adam Rentschler, Don Wick, Tracy Kingsbury, Shawn Phelps, and Chris Cole.

Others present: Terri Jones, Barry Brooks, Tim Weltmer, and Jill Conaway.

The meeting was called to order at 4:34pm by Council President Rentschler.

Information from the bids submitted was shared with the council. Conaway presented the bid tabulation form and the recommendation letter from Lamp Rynearson to award the CDBG Swimming Pool project to Carrothers Construction as the lowest bidder at \$1,388,000. After discussion on how the bids are received as well as some clarification on the bid tabulation line items, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to award the project to Carrothers Construction as submitted. Motion carried. Rentschler signed the award letters.

The council discussed in great detail the options and barriers of operating the swimming pool for the season. Various questions and topics included the timetable and cost of chemicals, additional sanitation supplies and staff to address COVID-19, applicants available to work, creating a procedure policy to train staff in order to comply with screening and monitoring swimmers, shortened season of approximately 49 days with a delayed opening and an earlier closing in preparation of the new swimming pool build, the cost to operate without the typical revenue to offset, unknown changes in restrictions should the number of COVID cases increase, and more. Cole commented that he has never seen a community come together to raise funds like this one has for such a monumental project (new swimming pool). Members expressed their hope that next season will not be challenged as this one is with the pandemic and ever-changing guidelines. Cole made a motion, seconded by Wick, to open the swimming pool for the shortened season contingent on securing the appropriate number of staff and obtaining the chemicals in order to provide a safe environment for activity of our youth and community. Rentschler did a roll call vote with the following result: Cole-aye; Wick-aye; Kingsbury-nay; Phelps-nay; Rentschler-nay. The motion failed 2-3. Mixed feelings were expressed on the situation. The council will start focusing on the new project and the positive environment for the community to enjoy upon completion.

A motion was made by Phelps, seconded by Wick, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:19pm.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk