

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 10th, 2019
6:00 pm

The City Council met in regular session with Mayor Bryce Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Adam Rentschler, Dave Mace, Tracy Kingsbury, and Chris Cole. Absent: Don Wick Others present: Rick Hileman, Tabitha Owen, Brad Howland, Jamie Marshall, Mickey Drake, James Johnson and Terri Jones.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the minutes of the May 13th, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Rentschler, to approve payment of the monthly expenses. Motion carried.

Airport Partial Parallel Taxiway Project

Jones reported that the bid opening had taken place and only one bid was submitted by APAC-Kansas, Inc. out of Hays, Ks. She explained that there was a base bid which was for the construction and then an Add Alternate bid for lighting and markers on the taxiway. The city share of the project will be around \$60,000.00. The FAA will pay for 90% of the cost. She also stated that she would be applying for a grant through the Kansas Department of Transportation Aviation Division to assist with the city's share and local grants that are available for airport use. Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Mace to move forward with the construction and add alternate project. Motion carried.

Equipment

Two estimates were presented to the council for repairs on the 1999 IHC Truck 4900 from Kingsbury Service. Option #1 was to rebuild the engine at a cost of \$5,858.00 and Option #2 was to replace the engine at a cost of \$13,733.00. James Johnson, Street Supt., was present to discuss the options and his recommendation was to go with Option #1. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Mace to choose Option #1. Motion carried. Cole stated that if the block is bad, we will need to address this again to make a decision on what to do.

Miller Welding had turned in an estimate of \$1650 - \$1850 to repair the motor grader if the city will haul it to them. Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Rentschler to proceed with the repairs. Motion carried. We will need to find someone to haul the grader.

Also, presented was cost on removing and replacing the hopper on the street sweeper. It was agreed by all not to place the hopper. Johnson is going to check around to find out what type of sweeper would work best for our needs.

Economic Development

Brad Howland had a bid from Apple I Media for the awning at the Gardner Wellness Center in the amount of \$1,283.50 that the ED Board had approved. Motion by Cole, seconded by Mace to approve the purchase of the awning. Motion carried.

A Clean-up & Revitalization Grant application had been presented to the board from Lee Oliver. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to approve the grant of \$1500.00. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the Economic Development Director position. The board decided to advertise the position.

Reports

Marshall stated that a window on one of the police cars had to be replaced. Also, he is looking into updating their firearms and working on the policy book. Officer Drake will be going to a training class in Colby. He asked to put up "Fire Dept. Parking Only" signs on the north side of the firehouse.

Hileman reported that the city has an old Ford pickup with a bad transmission. He was to contact Chris Mansholt with Big Iron to place it for sale.

He reviewed the nuisance report with the council. A letter will be delivered by the police department to a property owner that is accumulating junk vehicles.

Owen discussed with the council a citizen that wanted to put a shooting range in a garage. It was decided that would not be acceptable and could fall under the nuisance ordinance.

Council Reports

Mace reported that he had received information from Ryan LaDow, Water Supt., regarding a pump that was pulled on Well #6. It was the recommendation to replace the pump and the council agreed.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Kingsbury to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.