

# Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

## **I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bryce Wiehl called the meeting to order at 6pm on Monday, June 12, 2023, at the Srader Building.

## **II. Attendance**

Council members: Don Wick, Brady Peterson, Dave Mace, Tracy Kingsbury, and Chris Cole. Others: Jamie Marshall, Kim Maudlin, Tabitha Owen, Rick Hileman, Robert Pruden, Kim Phelps (6:03pm), Jerald Ratliff (6:05pm), Barry Brooks (6:11pm), Sherry Weatherholt (6:15pm), Kenny Jacobs (6:15pm), and Jill Conaway.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wick, to approve the previous meeting minutes, vouchers, and receipts. Motion carried.

## **IV. Previous/Ongoing Business**

- a) Water Transmission Lines Project-Conaway updated the council on the pre-application submitted to replace approximately 55,000 linear feet from the wellfield to the water treatment plant, with an projected start date of May 2024.
- b) Lagoon Project C20303901-Conaway updated the council on the progress of the project to install a wetland cell, transfer structure, and lagoon distribution piping to convert into a non-discharging facility. Discussion was held on the steps to complete to secure the land and move forward with KDHE.

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

- a) Golf Course-The advisory board's minutes were reviewed. Discussion was held on Husqvarna mower purchase options. Ultimately, the council tabled the item to the next meeting to allow time to compare the Z560LS and Z560X models. In the minutes, the advisory board had approved the purchase of a replacement for the Toro. Hileman has been working on the Toro and has talked with a local mechanic that will be assessing the issues to repair the equipment versus purchasing new. Wick shared that the minutes show that #9 and #10 fairways need to be raised, inquiring as to why this would be needed. Hileman is unsure as he is no longer on the board, but there may be a possibility that these areas hold water.
- b) Recreation Commission-The advisory board's minutes were reviewed. Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to accept the resignation of Kevin Laumann. Motion carried. Motion by Mace, seconded by Wick, to appoint Joe Stansbury to complete Laumann's term. Motion carried.

- c) Police Department-Chief Marshall received a resume from a certified officer and is awaiting the formal application and release form. Marshall also reported that the tires have been replaced on both patrol cars. Kenworthy and Presbrey have both assisted in covering patrol as needed.
- d) Supervisor/Manager-Hileman talked with the governing body about the Gaylord water line project. The valves have not yet been delivered, and with Hileman gone on vacation, the project will be pushed back a couple of weeks.
- e) Clerk-Conaway received notice that the final walk-through will be conducted this week on the CCLIP on South Main Street/Hwy 281. Conaway reported that two of the students that were hired to complete training will not be fulfilling lifeguard duties. It was the consensus of the council to contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) on the amount of the training owed per the signed agreements, as well as pay for time working on the preparation of the pool for the season. Regarding the pool house, Hughes has emailed Hahn Masonry on the colors that the pool committee chose and asked for samples to assist in matching the colors for the donor wall.  
The pickleball court has shipped, and a picture of the court at the factory was shared with the governing body.

## **VI. Governing Body Reports**

- a) Mayor Wiehl gave the floor to Robert Pruden for the discussion of a fireworks display. Pruden explained that in previous years, they have held a fireworks show for friends and family, that has grown large enough that the family asks if the city would be willing to take it over. Wiehl shared that while the city may be interested in supporting an organization holding a fireworks display, the city is not in a position to take over. Discussion was held on the options to hold a citywide fireworks display through groups that may be interested in organizing the project each year, possibly the Chamber of Commerce. This would allow a board to work on the project, as well as funding, including the collection of donations. Additional discussion on the options commenced, including estimated costs. Pruden recommended that a range of approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 would likely provide about 30 minutes of continual display. Weatherholt will contact the Chamber Director.
- b) Kenny Jacobs inquired about the mosquito fogger. Hileman answered that he went out three times over the weekend.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Motion by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

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Jill Conaway, City Clerk