

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2021

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bryce Wiehl called to order the meeting of the city council at 6:01pm on June 14th, 2021.

II. Attendance

Council members: Dave Mace, Tracy Kingsbury, and Chris Cole. Absent: Adam Rentschler and Don Wick. Others: Jaci Charbonneau, Chief Jamie Marshall, Joleen Brewer, Kim Phelps, Aurielle Hughes, Officer Sheldon Kenworthy, Rick Hileman, Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried. Motion by Mace, seconded by Cole, to approve payment of the vouchers. Motion carried.

IV. Previous/Ongoing Business

- a) CDBG/Swimming Pool-Conaway presented the payment request. Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Mace, to approve the CDBG Payment Request as presented. Motion carried. Following review, a motion was made by Mace, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve Change Order 5 as presented. Motion carried. An addendum to the agreement with NW Planning & Commission was presented. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Mace, to approve the addendum. Motion carried.
- b) CCLIP Project 204-92 KA-5988-01 PR Agreement-Motion by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to authorize Mayor Wiehl to sign the three-party agreement with KDOT and Wilson & Company. Motion carried.

V. New Business

- a) AT&T Franchise Review-Following review of the current AT&T Franchise Ordinance, a motion was made by Cole, seconded by Mace, to continue as written in the ordinance for the next two-year period. Motion carried.
- b) Golf Board Resignation-Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Mace, to accept the resignation of Carl Vinsonhaler from the Golf Course Advisory Board. Motion carried. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to appoint Alex Hobelmann to the position vacated by Vinsonhaler. Motion carried.

VI. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Chief Marshall-Reported on communication with the dealership on the previous order of the patrol vehicle, it is unknown at this time when the vehicle will be ready for delivery.
- b) Hileman-Reported on the water line break that occurred last week. Due to the nature of this leak, Hileman is obtaining bids to purchase a 4" pump to use when experiencing quick water loss such as this. The 3" portable hydraulic pump works well on most leaks however water flow of this nature was an extreme battle. Hileman explained that using the pump and opening

fire hydrants was necessary to get to and fix the break, however it is estimated that another ten to twenty more minutes would have led to shutting water off city-wide and/or a boil water advisory.

Hileman met with Wilson and Company's Doug Goetz, on the non-discharging lagoon system. He explained the system and will bring information to the council once it is received from Goetz.

- c) Jones-Cole asked if the pool chairs had arrived. Jones confirmed their arrival in two shipments.
- d) Intern Charbonneau-Updated the governing body on improvements at Wagner Park and Roadside Park as a result of the grant submitted and approved. Replacement of the Old Dutch Mill siding is currently in progress; the ceiling has been replaced; the parking area at Wagner Park has been redone; loose handrailing at the back of the mill has been removed; new landscaping has been placed; wooden structures have been sealed; new benches and trash receptacles will be placed at both parks; and the vault bathroom project is in motion for Roadside Park. Cole asked if the handrails around the Old Mill will be replaced. Due to the spike in material costs, handrails were only removed in one area-leaving the rails on the north/left facing side of the mill to be used at this time. Department head Don Wick will be contacted to look at the existing set-up.
- e) Conaway-Cole inquired on the sales tax trend. Conaway reported that to date, sales tax collections remain steady, with the hope that residents continue to support businesses by shopping local.

VII. Governing Body Reports

- a) Cole-Fire/Police
Chief Marshall and Cole previously met Officer Kenworthy for his six-month employment review. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to move Kenworthy to grade 5 on the pay scale, effective at the six-month employment date. Motion carried.
- b) Wiehl-Economic Development
Wiehl reported an upcoming advisory board meeting on Thursday.

The governing body discussed third-party damage to a pipeline serving Kansas Gas Service customers in Smith Center resulted in a temporary shutdown of the natural gas distribution system. KGS employees have been working diligently to restore service to customers. Deb Hayes, Smith County Emergency Management Director, is coordinating an enhanced alert program to assist with notifications such as this.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mace, seconded by Cole, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.