

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2019
6:00 pm

The City Council met in regular session with Mayor Bryce Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Adam Rentschler, Don Wick, Dave Mace, Chris Cole, and Tracy Kingbury. Others present: Sharon McKenna, Jamie Marshall, Mickey Drake, Arloa Barnes, Rick Hileman, Brad Howland, Tabitha Owen, Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Guest

Sharon McKenna addressed concerns on fireworks within city limits. McKenna also asked the council the procedure followed for animal control. Owen explained that the City does not have the resources to provide an animal control officer or a facility to place and care for animals at large. Should there be an issue; McKenna was directed to contact dispatch.

Flooring Estimates

Estimates to put carpet in the Police Department building and to replace the carpet in the City Offices were presented to the council. Upon review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mace, to accept the estimate #103 received from Brooks Flooring to replace the carpet in the City Offices; and to accept the estimate #2024 received from Huffman's Floor Covering for the Police Department Building. Motion carried.

East Kansas Avenue

The section of East Kansas Avenue just south of the property previously annexed into the city for the hospital was recently completed. The road project breakdown was submitted with the city's share of the cost at \$57,740.58. Motion by Cole, seconded by Rentschler, to pay the invoiced amount to Smith County Memorial Hospital. Motion carried.

Uniform and Custodial Service

Bids were presented to the council from Ameripride, Unifirst, and Cintas for uniform and custodial services. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to accept the lowest bid from Unifirst and to notify Ameripride in writing of such, to go into effect at the end of the current contract that expires November 16, 2019. Motion carried.

Employee Review

As per Policy Section C-4-Probationary Period, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Rentschler to approve continued employment; a one-step raise as per the salary schedule; and approve qualification for an annual bonus at the end of the fiscal year for Darrell Shellito. Motion carried.

Economic Development

Howland reported 2 interviews scheduled for the Director position, and 1 other applicant contacted to schedule.

Swimming Pool

Barnes shared some of the questions the committee has in regards to the ability to add special features to the new pool at the completion of the rebuild that the engineer will check into with the Department of Commerce in regards to the CDBG regulations.

Reports

Hileman reported to the council on the replacement of the pump at the pool. Repairs on the road grader and the dump truck have not been started, per inquiry with each of the companies scheduled to complete the work. Wick expressed to Hileman and the other councilmen his appreciation in the efforts made by the city employees to swiftly replace the pump at the swimming pool.

Rentschler discussed the replacement water department pickup ordered through Matteson Motors. He will contact the manufacturer in attempt to secure a completion date.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Rentschler to adjourn at 6:57pm. Motion carried.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk