

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

I. Call to Order

Council President Chris Cole opened the meeting at 6pm on Monday, July 10th, 2023, at the Srader Building.

II. Attendance

Council members: Dave Mace, Brady Peterson, Don Wick, and Tracy Kingsbury.

Others: Tabitha Owen, Aurielle Hughes, Kim Phelps, Rick Hileman, Kim Maudlin, Jamie Marshall, Jill Conaway, and Sherry Weatherholt (6:39pm).

III. Hearing

Cole presented the purpose of the hearing, to consider an application to KDC for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the CVR category. This funding would be utilized by businesses for innovative solutions to become more resilient to pandemics like COVID-19, plus administration assistance. Businesses must be for-profit. Our community would be applying for \$150,000 and a survey is being conducted to verify there are eligible businesses, what is needed, and how it will help. If funded, the City will create our own plan of how to prioritize funding. Cole opened up the floor for citizen comments and discussion. With no public discussion, a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Mace, to approve Resolution 2023-5. Motion carried. Following review of a proposed contract, a motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to approve the Administration Contract with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission with the total fee to not exceed \$13,630 or 10% of the CVR award. Motion carried.

Cole announced a change in the order of the agenda, moving next to the golf course reports.

IV. Golf Course

Hileman reported that the zero-turn mower is out of commission. Quotes were received by Lang Diesel and LandMark. Comparisons were made on the four units quoted, including availability. Following detailed discussion, a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Kingsbury, to purchase the Z930R from LandMark Implement at a total cost of \$12,750. Motion carried. Quotes were also reviewed to replace the downed utility vehicle at the golf course. Following review and discussion, it was decided that the Gator at the shop will be transferred out to the golf course.

Council member Cole left the meeting at 6:30pm, with member Dave Mace leading the remainder of the meeting.

Conaway presented a request to bid for the demolition and replacement of the golf cart sheds at the golf course. The bidders would have the option to bid the project all together, or separately by bidding the demolition and removal of the existing structures; land preparation for construction; construction of the buildings; the concrete floors and aprons; and/or the

electricity. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to send out the request to bid information for the replacement of the golf cart sheds. Motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda

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

VI. Previous/Ongoing Business

- a) Sidewalk Program-Conaway visited with the members on the sidewalk program proposal from the previous meeting. Discussion was held on how to set up the incentive program; prioritizing; residential/commercial; and costs. The council will review the compiled information and address the program at the next council meeting.

VII. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Recreation Commission-Wick reported on the locally held ball tournaments and traffic flow planning; as well as expressing his gratitude to the Laumann family for allowing some overflow parking on their property.
- b) Library Board-Conaway shared images provided by Librarian Runyon, showing the mock up of the new library building signage that will be installed. The new sign is possible due to grant funding.
- c) Police Department-Chief Marshall discussed the accident that recently occurred at the 4-way stop intersection of Main Street and Court Street. The council discussed other possible options to attract attention to the signage as the requests to KDOT have been denied.
- d) Supervisor/Manager-Hileman shared that in preparation to complete the waterline project at Gaylord, the line may not need to be replaced. Hileman has contacted the engineer and is waiting on a return call. If not needed, Hileman may check on the option of selling the material to another entity due to the size difference in comparison to other city lines.

VIII. Governing Body Reports

- a) Wick-Pool/Rec/Transit
Shared that the recreation commission is working on a bus trip to Magnolia Farms in Texas. Conaway shared an email from the county clerk, reporting that the county commissioners denied payment towards the expense of lifeguard training at their July 3rd meeting. Conaway explained that when she and Hughes attended the commissioners meeting earlier in the year, the commissioners expressed that they would be willing to provide a portion of the cost, with the amount to be determined once the city had the total cost as lifeguards were still being hired. Once the invoice was received, it was sent to the clerk's office for the commissioners, which was then presented at the meeting and denied. When asked if the commissioners gave a reason for denial, the reply was that they did not give a specific reason, they felt this was the best option for them at this time.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Kingsbury, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.