

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019
6:00 pm

The City Council met in regular session with Mayor Bryce Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Adam Rentschler, Dave Mace, Don Wick, Tracy Kingsbury, and Chris Cole. Others present: Jerald Ratliff, Hope Padilla, Rick Hileman, Robin Koelsch, Steven and Melissa Clark, Jaime Isom, Mickey Drake, Barry Brooks, Amber Conaway, Brad Howland, Tabitha Owen, Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Guest

Steven Clark shared his concerns with the council as per his written complaint filed at the city offices, regarding an incident with his daughter at the swimming pool. Council department head Wick reported his review of the incident as well as sharing with Clark that he has looked at some changes to be made in many areas when the new pool is opened. Due to the scheduling of the 2020 Budget hearing, discussion was put on hold.

2020 Budget Hearing-6:15pm

Mayor Wiehl opened the floor for the 2020 Budget Hearing. Upon review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Rentschler to approve the 2020 Budget as published. Motion carried.

At the close of the budget hearing, Mayor Wiehl re-opened the floor to Clark. The council thanked Clark for his feedback and invited his family to continue utilizing the pool. Members of the council commended the Swimming Pool Committee, members of the community, and outside donors for fulfilling the grant options and the continued support in working towards the additions to the new swimming pool that will become a great asset to our community.

Economic Development

Advisory board member Howland introduced Hope Padilla to the council. Upon recommendation from the advisory board, a motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Mace, to approve Padilla to fulfill the Economic Development Director position at a salary of \$40,000, effective August 13, 2019. Motion carried.

CCLIP

In regards to the CCLIP Resurfacing Project, Conaway presented the following document entitled: AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING U.S. 281/MAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF SMITH CENTER, KANSAS, AS A MAIN TRAFFICWAY to the council. Thereupon, a motion was made by Mace, seconded by Rentschler, to adopt Ordinance 1024. Motion carried.

Thereupon, a document entitled: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPROVEMENT OR REIMPROVEMENT OF A MAIN TRAFFICWAY WITHIN THE CITY OF SMITH CENTER, KANSAS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF was presented to the council. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Rentschler, to adopt Resolution 2019-5 as presented. Motion carried.

A document entitled: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 2019, OF THE CITY OF SMITH CENTER, KANSAS AND APPROVING TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES was presented to the council. A motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Mace, to adopt Resolution 2019-6 as presented. Motion carried.

Equipment/Vehicles

Councilmember Cole shared information on the road grader offered to the City for purchase from Smith County. After discussion, a motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Cole, to purchase said road grader from Smith County for \$50,000. Cole asked Hileman to connect with the county to obtain the manual, as well as transferring the maintenance records to the city once the purchase is complete.

Correspondence from Matteson Motors was shared with the council regarding the initial order of a 2019 Dodge Pickup. After detailed discussion, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to complete the purchase of the Dodge Pickup through Matteson Motors. Motion carried 4-1 (aye: Wick, Cole, Mace, Kingsbury; nay: Rentschler).

Swimming Pool Committee

Members of the Swimming Pool Committee reported on the recent fundraiser. The committee continues to work towards building the funding to purchase amenities for the new pool as well as updating/replacing the bathhouse, that are not included in the grant design. A meeting is scheduled with the engineer from Lamp Rynearson for

August 20th-6:30pm at the swimming pool with the governing body members, committee members and Department Supervisors Rick Hileman and Ryan LaDow.

Reports

Councilmember Mace presented for Water Supervisor LaDow, a quote from Municipal Supply, Inc. of \$4,065.50 for a repair at 5th and Monroe.

Jones presented the agreement from KDOT on the airport project. A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to accept the KDOT Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Rentschler asked the council about the possibility of the USD 237 fall coaches using the pool on Friday (16th) at the end of their conditioning week. It was the consensus of the council to allow this usage, with the requirement of placing a lifeguard on duty during that time period. The pool cannot remain open for the following week for similar use, due to the cost that would be incurred in electricity and chemicals.

Wick, as the department head for the parks, reported on the clean-up efforts of some community members at Wagner Park. In previous years, various organizations have taken care of the foliage and such at the park. Prior to that, individuals were hired. A motion was made by Mace, seconded by Wick, to hire Jack Yenne to fulfill these duties. Motion carried.

Wick shared information he received from KDOT upon inquiring on parking on a highway located inside city limits; as he has a concern with semi-trailers traveling through. Chief Marshall will check into the situation and report back.

Executive Session

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Mace, to enter into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elect personnel; employee performance. Motion carried. In session at 7:13 p.m. - Out of session at 7:18 p.m.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Rentschler to adjourn at 7:25pm. Motion carried.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk