

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2020-6:00 pm

The City Council met in regular session with Mayor Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Adam Rentschler, Don Wick, Shawn Phelps, Tracy Kingsbury, and Chris Cole.

Others present: Jaci Charbonneau, Tabitha Owen, Rick Hileman, Kim Phelps, David and Linda Edell, Hope Padilla, Brad Howland, Libby McDonald, and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the August 10, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Swimming Pool Project

After a review of Change Order No. 1, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to approve the Change Order No. 1 for the fence addition and electrical service to the existing bathhouse, \$9,098. Motion carried.

Economic Development

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve a Storefront Grant to Main Street Laundry in the amount of \$139.62 for a sign. Motion carried.

Padilla asked the council to reconsider the Downtown Looking Up program. Discussion was held on the benefits of the program; concerns on the longevity of the materials; including a maintenance plan; and the feasibility. The council agreed to continue the Downtown Looking Up program, with a maintenance plan to be added as well as various material options to be researched.

Reports

Hileman asked the council for permission to put concrete between the old firehouse and the transit garage. Less than 10 yards of concrete will be needed to complete the project. The council was in favor.

During a recent water leak repair, Hileman explained the time lost and the benefits of purchasing a portable hydraulic pump. After comparing models and costs, Hileman recommended a less expensive model as the larger, automatic start is more than is needed-saving roughly \$3,700. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Rentschler, to purchase the portable hydraulic pump. Motion carried, Cole abstained due to business conflict.

Information on a camera demonstrated by Key Equipment for smaller sewer lines was shared. Hileman explained that while the camera system cannot be used on the main, the system would allow the City to assist property owners in finding issues in the service lines. The camera can record audio and video that can be downloaded to a phone. If purchased, the camera could be rented out. As the camera system is a new product, Hileman will obtain a quote with the informational materials to present at the next council meeting.

The VFD at the golf course was discussed. Hileman will check with a local electrician on replacement options and cost.

Nuisance notices and abatements were reported.

The CCLIP Resurfacing project update was shared. Council reported on some tree limbs impeding the roadway as well as some areas of sand that the Street Department will need to clean up and continue to keep checking on due to rain washouts. There are some street signs that require some attention.

Jaci Charbonneau thanked the council for the intern opportunity and learning experience, and reported on the various projects she worked on and completed during this time. The governing body commended Charbonneau for her contributions to the City.

Council Reports

Phelps inquired on the Economic Development and Water sales tax.

Rentschler shared that work at the airport has begun.

Wick reported on the swimming pool progress, and upcoming Pool Committee meeting scheduled for August 25th.

A motion was made by Phelps, seconded by Rentschler, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk