

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 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: Hope Padilla, Christy James, and Terri Jones.

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Rentschler, to approve the minutes of the August 26th, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Economic Development

Hope Padilla, Economic Development Director was present to report on what she had been doing since hired. She had attended some meetings and reached out to other directors for information.

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission had approved to raise Dave Tharp's field director pay to \$3500.00. After clarification of his duties, a motion by Wick, seconded by Rentschler to approve the raise of \$1000.00. After a roll call, it was a unanimous vote. Motion carried. There was some discussion on fuel usage on the gas reports. Rentschler will look into this matter.

Reports

Police Chief Marshall stated that he had received good comments after making sure vehicles do not park on New York Street. He is also talking to property owners concerning trees and shrubbery on corners that are impeding traffic vision.

Councilman Cole stated that he would like to see what we can do with the street sweeper be make it perform as it should. We are working on getting a representative from Key Equipment/Elgin Company to make an inspection on the sweeper. After the results are reviewed, we can make a decision on how to proceed. Cole also asked about a maintenance plan for the sirens. He would like to see the sirens tested monthly to ensure they are working properly. The city staff will look into both of these matters. Cole also asked if the street department had their maintenance

supplies for the winter months. It was stated that the street superintendent was looking into what he needed to order.

Councilman Mace reported on an inspection that had been completed by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment on the public water system. The most significant deficiencies were regarding well houses #5, #6 and #7. The council discussed solutions for getting the well houses in compliance. They will proceed with getting these matters taken care of.

Proclamation

Mayor Wiehl signed a Proclamation regarding the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to be distributed on Old Settlers Day, September 28th, 2019.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Rentschler to adjourn at 6:32 pm. Motion carried.

Attest:

Terri Jones, City Treasurer