

**Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 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: Tabitha Owen, Jon Halbgewachs, Jamie Marshall, Shaine Shellito, Hope Padilla, Kim Phelps, David and Linda Edell, Rick Hileman, Brad Howland, Libby McDonald, and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to approve the August 24, 2020 and August 31, 2020 minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

**CCLIP PE & CE Agreement Hwy 281; Hwy 204 Pavement Restoration**

Jon Halbgewachs-Kirkham Michael, spoke with the governing body on two recently awarded KDOT funded CCLIP's, one for the extension of the current overlay on US-281 from the railroad tracks south to city limits and one for the pavement restoration project on Highway 204 from Monroe St. to city limits including curbing, gutters, and sidewalks. A motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Phelps, to contract with Kirkham Michael for the CCLIP Project Hwy 281 South. Motion carried. Mayor Wiehl and Clerk Conaway signed the presented contract.

Discussion on the projects continued, as well as the current two projects nearing completion on US-281/Main St. from the railroad track north to 1<sup>st</sup> St. and from 1<sup>st</sup> St. north to US-36. The degree of the parking lines was discussed. Visibility is an issue as well as space if longer vehicles are parked across from each other in the business district. Halbgewachs cautioned an angle change due to the loss of parking stalls. The Clerk will email the businesses affected for the owners' input. Hileman and Halbgewachs will keep in contact with the contractor.

**CCLIP-RFP**

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Rentschler, to approve the Request for Payment #1 on the CCLIP Resurfacing Projects for \$447,877.30 to Venture Corporation. Motion carried.

**CDBG-RFP**

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the Request for Payment #3 on the CDBG Swimming Pool Project for \$110,000. Motion carried.

**Zoning Board**

A motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Cole, to appoint Elizabeth McDonald to the Zoning Board to fulfill a term expiring March 2022. Motion carried.

**Police Department**

Chief Marshall presented information on a recently interviewed applicant. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Rentschler, to offer a Police Officer position to Sheldon Kenworthy at pay grade 5. Motion carried.

Upon review of images and information, a motion was made by Phelps, seconded by Cole, to approve the purchase of three metal signs to be made by Center Monuments to be placed on the Police Department building. Motion carried.

The city council recessed at 6:30pm so that the members could attend a Land Bank meeting. Council meeting resumed at 6:51pm.

**Reports**

Hileman-Information on the camera set-up discussed at the last meeting was reviewed. Ultimately, it was decided to table the purchase at this time in order to communicate with a local contractor that utilizes a smaller version.

Hileman reported well house #5 is nearing completion. Phelps asked Hileman to relay that the sign at Roger Barta Way (north area) needs straightened; the sign at K St/US-36 near the VFW building; and an asphalt issue at the intersection of Park St/Boulevard, to the Street Department. Noted was the progress of nuisance abatement at Washington St./3<sup>rd</sup> St. The nuisance has not been completely addressed to date. Hileman shared that the newly purchased portable hydraulic pump is working great.

Owen left the meeting at 7:02pm.

Conaway announced the award from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of \$63,500 for the Smith Center Parks COVID-19 Response Beautification Project. This grant will assist in installing a vault restroom, trash receptacles, and the repair of the wooden structures at the Roadside Park; as well as replacing the parking area, additional landscaping, replacement of and additional benches, metal handrails, replacing the smaller bridge, trash receptacles, treating the wooden structures, replacement of the siding and ceiling at the Old Dutch Mill, the addition of an air conditioner for the Old Dutch Mill, park drainage extension, fencing, and the addition of Bocce Ball and Horseshoe Courts. Summer intern Jaci Charbonneau completed the research and worked on the application of this grant with the clerk.

Wick reported on the most recent Pool Committee meeting.

Cole recapped Chief Marshall's earlier comments, welcoming Sheldon Kenworthy to Smith Center.

Kingsbury asked the council about a situation incurred at a resident's property where the sewer tap was much deeper than typical, at more than 16ft.

Rentschler reported on the progress of the taxiway at the Airport. Public transportation was addressed, with the budget to be presented to the council this fall for KDOT FY 2022. FTA is currently covering reimbursement of expenses through the KDOT FY 2021. Due to the size of the 2018 Ford Transit van, a capital application to replace it with a smaller van will be presented for submission to KDOT/FTA with the budget application this fall.

Discussion was held on the asphalt millings and their sustainability. Due to the short-term span of use once laid on the roadways, the council put a hold on placement of millings while research is done to find product(s) to use with the millings for better utilization and longer sustainability.

### **Executive Session**

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Phelps, to enter into executive session for 10 minutes, non-elect personnel, with Shaine Shellito present. Motion carried. In session at 7:23pm-out of session at 7:33pm. Motion by Phelps, seconded by Kingsbury, to extend executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried. In session at 7:34pm-out of session at 7:39pm. Motion by Phelps, seconded by Wick, to extend executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried. In session at 7:40pm-out of session at 7:45pm.

No action taken. Mayor Wiehl thanked the council for a good meeting.

A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk