

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2024

**I. Call to Order**

President Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024, at the Srader Building.

**Attendance**

Council Members: Don Wick, Chris Cole, Brady Peterson, and Everett Mansholt.  
Absent: Tracy Kingsbury.

Others: Tabitha Owen, Jamie Marshall, Nick Rhodes, Rick Hileman, Kim Phelps, Melissa Colby, and Kim Maudlin.

**II. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mansholt, seconded by Wick, to approve the previous meeting minutes, vouchers, and receipts. Motion carried.

**III. Previous/Ongoing Business**

a) Homestead Contract-Motion by Cole, seconded by Mansholt, to approve and sign the annual contract with Homestead Nutrition, to use the Srader Hall for their weekday meals. Motion carried.

**IV. New Business**

a) Nex-Tech-The Nex-Tech Cyber Security agreement was reviewed. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mansholt to approve the contract. Discussion was held. Mayor Wiehl took a role-call vote: Wick-aye; Cole-nay; Mansholt-nay; Peterson-nay. The motion and second did not carry with the council needing more information. It was the consensus of the council to table this item to the next meeting.

**V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports**

a) Economic Development-Rhodes reviewed items from the board meeting. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to approve a \$500 payment to the Innovation Center for a HAT (housing) study. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Wick, to approve the appointment of Aurielle Hughes to the Workforce Recruitment Team. Motion carried. Rhodes reported that a reimbursement of \$104.69 will need to be issued to Scott Roth for food purchased for the advisory board meeting. Rhodes left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

b) Police Department-Chief Marshall stated that applicant A accepted the police officer position. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to hire Joshua

Niles to fill the police officer position. Motion carried. Conaway will swear Niles in prior to training enrollment.

## **VI. Governing Body Reports**

- a) Wick – Asked Hileman about the property at Park Street and Kansas Avenue, that has broken glass. Hileman replied that he and the housing committee are working together to take care of the situation.  
Wick reported that construction has commenced on the pool bathhouse. Recreation Commission-Stansbury met with Insurance Smart on the ballfields.
- b) Mansholt – Reported that he will be meeting with Cade Maxwell to get caught up with golf course.
- c) Cole – Reported that the Fire Department has a training scheduled on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This training will be a refresher course on skilled rescue training, with our fire department hosting other departments in the area.
- d) Wiehl – Reported that the open house at the airport was successful, with approximately 50 people in attendance. The Old Settlers Day committee has asked that the city take a power washer to the cooking area to clean it out. The dance will be held at the VFW and a fireworks display will begin at dark for all to enjoy.

## **VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mansholt, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.