

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes September 28, 2020-6:00 pm

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

Others present: Terri Jones, Rick Hileman, David and Linda Edell, Debra Wagenblast, Kim Phelps, Jamie Marshall, Sheldon Kenworthy, Brad Howland, Julie Wagenblast, and Jill Conaway.

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Cole, to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Debra Wagenblast addressed the council on a neighbor she has multiple concerns about. Some concerns included mental health, hoarding, cats owned and strays, and living without some utilities. Wagenblast would like an ordinance to address these issues and a code enforcement officer hired. She has also addressed these concerns with local health organizations. Wagenblast does not agree with the procedure currently in place requiring nuisance complaints be submitted in writing.

Service Line Warranty Program

After reviewing the proposed letters from the insurance company, a motion was made by Cole, seconded by Rentschler, to approve the letters as written. Motion carried.

City Offices

A cost proposal was presented to the council to replace the Treasurer and Clerk desks. KDOT approved the purchase and reimbursement of the Clerk's desk through the transit program. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Wick, to purchase the desks as presented through Tri-Central Office Supply. Motion carried.

Economic Development

After discussion, a motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to approve the \$2,500 fee to participate in YEC. Motion carried.

Julie Wagenblast addressed the council on the request for a grant to purchase an awning for the southwest entrance of the Childcare Center. As there is a water issue due to the slope of the concrete since the prior hallway from the old hospital to the building was removed; and KDHE requires a percentage of the play area to be shaded, an awning at this location would be ideal. The awning is quoted at \$3,712.90 by Cade Maxwell and Billy Davis. Following discussion, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the awning as presented. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports

Chief Marshall introduced Officer Sheldon Kenworthy to the governing body members. Kenworthy comes to Smith Center from Blue Rapids and is excited to be a part of our community.

Rentschler asked about an intersection where a recent accident took place. Marshall and Street Supervisor Johnson are assessing the issue to attempt to rectify the blind spot. Phelps stated that F Street is the only street that does not have a sign on US-36.

Rick Hileman reported that he and Johnson are traveling to Derby to look at a used street sweeper. After discussion on the unit and the need to obtain, a motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to give Hileman the authority to approve the purchase of the sweeper at \$28,000 if the unit meets expectations. Motion carried.

Continued problems are experienced at the hospital lift station due to items flushed into the sewer system. Hileman reports to the hospital each week the issues found. Upon further discussion to rectify the continuing problem, the council asked that Attorney Owen draft a letter to the hospital board. As the recurring problems can be costly, the city would like to work with the hospital to rectify the situation.

Wick-Inquired on who is responsible for removing dead trees on the right of ways. Hileman explained that while the City is not responsible for the trees, they can however trim/cut trees if they present a nuisance, should the property owner not rectify the nuisance after notification.

Phelps-Potholes noted on West Boulevard and the south end of Armory Rd; broken up concrete by the Monsanto building; F St. sign, and poles without signs at 1st/Main St. and 3rd/Jefferson. Hileman reported that Johnson has noted and is addressing some of these items already.

Hileman reported that the crew has changed the process of laying millings on the roadways.

Rentschler-Spoke with Kingsbury on his sewer line cameras. Kingsbury is available 24/7 if needed and charges \$100 per job regardless of the time it takes.

Jones-Reported on the progress of the Airport Project.

Rentschler inquired about the use of a business building on Kansas Ave. and the limited parking. Jones previously addressed the situation with the tenant and the property owner; however, will reach out to them again.

Council Reports

Wick-Swimming Pool committee events on Old Settlers' Day included a wine walk and road rally. Brad Howland reported raising \$755 from the wine walk and \$95 from the road rally, with parade representation as well.

Phelps-Boden reports the new pump at the golf course is working well. The clubhouse has a couple of spots of rust.

Rentschler-Asked Conaway about the transit program. Conaway reported that the program is doing well and continues to offer grocery delivery to individuals in the county that wish to remain home due to COVID-19, in conjunction with Gene's Heartland Foods. Due to the rise in local numbers, the county van schedule has blocked Mondays and Fridays for food delivery days.

RECESS at 7:18pm for the Land Bank meeting.

BACK IN SESSION at 7:42pm.

Executive Session

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Wick, to enter into executive session for 15 minutes, for personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried. In session at 7:42pm-out of session at 7:57pm. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Kingsbury, to extend executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried. In session at 7:58pm-out of session at 8:03pm.

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Rentschler, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk