

**City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2017
6:00pm**

The City Council met in adjourned session with Mayor Bryce Wiehl presiding. Council members present: Dave Mace, Adam Rentschler, Chris Cole, Tracy Kingsbury, and Sonny Manley.

Others present: Jamie Marshall, Julie Troy, Rick Hileman, Mickey Drake (arrived at 6:34pm), Terri Jones, and Jill Conaway.

Mayor Wiehl called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Motion by Manley, seconded by Rentschler, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Rentschler spoke to the council about a water leak on South Grant Street.

CMB License

Motion by Cole, seconded by Rentschler to approve a 2018 CMB license to Gene's Heartland. Motion carried.

Water Line Replacement

The council tabled the review of bids to bore for a replacement water line at the north 100 block of Washington Street to the January 10th meeting.

Hearing-Alley Vacation

At 6:15pm, a hearing was held on the petition filed to vacate the west portion of the east-west alley located in the Original Town, block thirty four, adjacent to lots twelve and thirteen. As no residents were present with an objection, a motion was made by Rentschler, seconded by Cole to vacate said alley. Motion carried.

Economic Development

Julie Troy presented information from the December Economic Development meeting. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Kingsbury to approve Downtown Looking Up grants to Main Street Laundry (\$4,231.50), Collier Abstract (\$5,262), Top Shelf Lumber (\$3,929), and H & R Block (\$5,689.50). Motion carried. Rentschler asked about the status of loans through the Economic Development Revolving Loan Program. Discussion was held on delinquent loans to a business and possible remedies to get payments current.

Supervisor Reports

Hileman reported on repairs to the 2006 Chevy pickup used by the street supervisor and a recent water leak repair. Cole asked about snow removal on the sidewalks of the Main Street business district.

Marshall reported on repairs to one of the patrol cars. Marshall has been working on clearing out the police building and the city crew will be putting a wall up in the building for the offices.

Council Reports

Cole presented a bid for a skid steer replacement, with a trade difference of \$4,900. The presented model has a tire upgrade worth \$1,900. Discussion was held on the benefits of trading now versus later. Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Mace to approve purchase of the 2018 skid steer with a trade difference of \$4,900. Motion carried 4-1. (Rentschler-aye; Kingsbury-aye; Mace-aye; Cole-aye; and Manley-nay)

Employee Wages

Motion by Rentschler, seconded by Mace to recess at 6:48pm for five (5) minutes to executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception, to discuss employee performance. Motion carried. Into executive session at 6:48pm, returned to open session at 6:53pm.

Motion by Manley, seconded by Rentschler to approve employee wages based on the pay scale worksheet. Motion carried.

SunPorch

Mayor Wiehl reported on a scheduled meeting with representatives from SunPorch to be held on December 28th. Wiehl asked Rentschler to attend as well.

Executive Session

Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Rentschler to recess at 6:58pm for five (5) minutes to executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception, to discuss employee performance. Motion carried. Into executive session at 6:58pm, returned to open session at 7:03pm. Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Cole to extend executive session five (5) minutes. Motion carried. Return to executive session at 7:04pm, returned to open session at 7:09pm. Motion by Kingsbury, seconded by Cole to extend executive session five (5) minutes. Motion carried. Return to executive session at 7:10pm, returned to open session at 7:15pm.

Mayor Wiehl thanked everyone for all of their work on various city projects throughout 2017.

Motion by Manley, seconded by Mace to adjourn at 7:17pm. Motion carried.

Attest:

Jill Conaway, City Clerk