

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026

I. Call to Order

Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Srader Building.

Attendance

Governing Body Members: Chris Cole, Ty Wallgren, Tracy Kingsbury, Everett Mansholt and Don Wick

Others: Bryce Wiehl, Brittany Niles, Kim Maudlin, Rick Hileman, Joshua Niles, Melissa Colby, Kim Phelps, Sherry Weatherholt and Shawn Stansbury.

II. Consent Agenda

Following review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Wallgren, to approve the previous meetings' minutes. Motion carried. Mansholt then made a motion to approve the Vouchers and Receipts as presented. Cole seconded the motion and carried the motion.

III. Previous/Ongoing Business

a. Storage/Shipping Containers- The subcommittee that was formed at the previous council meeting reports that they request the discussion be completed next meeting when the committee has more time to review the current ordinance.

IV. New Business

a. The council reviewed several applications submitted for the swimming pool management and lifeguards. After a discussion, a motion was made by Wick and seconded by Wallgren to hire Donna Favinger as Manager, Danica Favinger as Assistant Manager and lifeguard, and Turner Rentschler, Kacee Herredsberg, Jade LaDow, Kayden Deetlefs, Breanna Drullinger, Cooper Wiehl and Saide LaDow as lifeguards, and Ashley Breshears as a lifeguard and/or concession manager if she chooses too. Motion carried.

b. A cleaning bid was submitted by Lacey Teselle to complete work at several city owned properties including the golf club house, the airport, roadside park bathrooms, old mill, park bathrooms and the fire house for 10 hours a week at \$300.00 per week totaling \$1200.00 per month. A motion was made by Kingsbury to accept the cleaning bid submitted by Lacey Teselle with a 5-month probationary period. The motion was seconded by Wick and the motion carried.

c. KDHE submitted an audit review that was completed by Ranson Financial wherein it goes over difference scenarios after the city had

applied for the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan. A motion was made by Kingsbury and seconded by Wick to proceed with the loan agreement. Motion carried.

V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a.** Recreation Board- A motion was made by Wick to enter a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elect personnel at 6:25 PM. The motion was seconded by Wallgren and the council entered executive session at 6:25 p.m. Wiehl then opens the meeting again at 6:30 PM. Following the executive session, a motion was made by Wallgren to appoint Joe Stansbury as the field director for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Wick and the motion carried. Shawn Stansbury left the meeting at 6:32 P.M.
- b.** Supervisor- Hileman updated the council regarding the reseeded grass that was planted on New York street. Hileman states that there have been some complaints that the grass had not come back like it should have. The same company that laid that grass will be coming back to plant grass at the pool and Hileman will have him look at the areas in question. Hileman then updated the council regarding countertops that needed to be installed at the pool bathhouse and recommended having Cody Theobald with Center Construction come and give a bid. It was the general agreement of the council to have Rick get that bid from Cody. The council then asked Rick if there had been any updates regarding the work that needs to be completed on the south city limits road. Hileman states he is going to continue working with the county on a resolution.
- c.** Police Department- Marshall updated that Officer Niles has completed his training hours and that officer Decker and himself still have some to complete. Marshall also updates the council that they are still on schedule to have the scooter safety course at the grade school on April 29th. Councilman Cole requested he contact the high school to have a class for the Jr. High as well. Officer Niles presented an idea to the council regarding "Smith Center Safety Bucks" that the officers will hand out these "bucks" to children who are wearing helmets and showing active safety measures, and the children can cash them in at the city office for prizes and/or gift cards. The council agreed for Officer Niles to go ahead and start working on the project.
- d.** Clerk- Niles presented a request submitted by Tiffany Rietzke regarding the city helping with a grant application for an upcoming project. The council requested more information and to review a formal set of plans. This item will be tabled until another meeting. Next, Niles informed the council that the owner of AESIR has offered to donate some workout materials with the approval of the council. After discussion, the council asked Niles get more information and to present at the next council meeting. Following discussion, a motion was made by Wick to enter into

executive session for the purpose of non-elect personnel for 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and the council entered executive session at 6:57 p.m. Mayor Wiehl opens the meeting back up at 7:07 p.m. stating no action had been taken.

- e. Treasurer-Colby updated the council regarding the taxi-way airport project. Colby states the bidding process is open and that the company intends to start construction in 2027.

VI. Council Reports

- a. **Mansholt-** Everett then gave a report regarding the golf course and discussion followed.
- b. **Wick-** Don went into detail about the bathhouse at the pool and where the status of the project is. Wick states there is a lot of shopping and work that still needs to be done if the council plans to have it open for the 2026 pool season. Included in the discussion were the potential days and hours the pool would be open due to lack of lifeguards. Then it was the general consensus of the council to request Cody Theobald with Center Construction, LLC to provide a bid to complete the work needed at the bathhouse.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mansholt and seconded by Kingsbury. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.