

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 09, 2026

**I. Call to Order**

Council President Cole opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 09, 2026, at the Srader Building.

**Attendance**

Council Members: Don Wick, Chris Cole, Tracy Kingsbury, Ty Wallgren and Everett Mansholt.

Others: Jamie Marshall, Kim Maudlin, Rick Hileman, Melissa Colby, Brett Decker, Philip Pennington, Casey Fraser, Troy Brummer, Todd Gililand, Josh Niles and Brittany Niles.

**II. Consent Agenda**

Following review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Wallgren, to approve January 26, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

A motion was then made by Kingsbury and seconded by Wick to approve the vouchers and receipts. Motion carried.

**III. Previous/Ongoing Business**

- a. Niles presented the council with documentation regarding a property acquisition. KDOT has offered the City of Smith Center compensation of \$993.72 for the land improvements along Highway 9. After discussion a motion was made by Wallgren and seconded by Mansholt to approve the property acquisition proposed by KDOT. Motion carried.

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

Police Department- Jamie updates the council on the repairs to the 2021 Charger; Mace's Body shop expects it to be complete soon. The Chief also states that the Tahoe is nearly complete and should be ready for pickup early next week. The council then discussed the need and costs to add AED's and Stop The Bleed Kits to the police vehicles and city buildings. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to find grant funds to purchase 4 new AED's and 1 new Stop the Bleed Kit.

Clerk- Niles presented the board with a bid to purchase 100 new key fobs for the Srader Building in the amount of \$1790.00. Due to the cost of the fobs, Niles requested raising the fee for a lost fob from \$25.00 to \$40.00. A motion was made by Kingsbury to purchase the new key fobs and raise the "lost" fee from \$25.00 to \$40.00. The motion was seconded by Wick, and it carried.

Treasurer- Colby notified the board of the upcoming KRWA conference that is to be held in March. The dates of the conference affect a council meeting. The council agreed to change the dates of that council meeting to accommodate.

**V. Previous/Ongoing Business**

Backhoe Bids- The council members were presented with 3 different bids to replace our current JCB Backhoe. Casey Fraser from Foley Implement in Concordia, Kansas presented a CAT 416-07 with a cash sales price of \$129,038.53. Philip Pennington presented a John Deere 310 P-Tier Backhoe with a cash sales price of \$144,600.00. Troy Brummer and Todd Gililand presented a 2025 New Holland B75D Extendahoe with a cash price of \$82,000.00. After extensive discussion and comparison of each of the offers, Chris explains the city is looking for the best valued machine, not necessarily the cheapest. A motion was made by Chris to purchase the CAT 416-07 from Foley Implement in Concordia, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Wallgren and the motion carried. The council then thanks all the bidders for their time to present and travel.

**VI. Governing Body Reports**

a. Cole- Following up on a decision that was made in 2020 regarding a property owner north of town having shipping containers on his property with the intention of creating tiny homes and/or air bnbs. Chris requested Rick inquire with the property owner on the progress of the project and report back.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mansholt, seconded by Wick, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.