

City of Smith Center
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

I. Call to Order

Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22, 2025, at the Srader Building.

Attendance

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

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

II. Consent Agenda

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

III. Previous/ Ongoing Business

Niles presented the council with an updated Municipal Water Conservation Plan for the City of Smith Center. Kingsbury made a motion to approve the updated Municipal water Conservation Plan; Wick seconded the motion and it carried.

The council was then presented with the renewal of the Guardian Dental. Cole made a motion to approve the renewal of Guardian Dental. The motion was seconded by Wick and the motion carried.

Niles then presented three resolutions for the council to review. Upon review, Cole made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-1 regarding Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Kingsbury seconded the motion made by Cole and it carried. Cole then made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-2 regarding designation of the official city newspaper; Wick also seconded the motion and it carried. The third resolution was reviewed and a motion was made by Wick to approve Resolution No. 2026-3 designating official depositories for the city of Smith Center. The motion was seconded by Cole and the motion carried.

Mayor Wiehl then made the recommendation to the council for each councilman to keep their designated departments. Cole for Fire and Police, Kingsbury for Water and Sewer, Wick for Pool and Recreation, Mansholt for Transit, Parks and Golf and Wallgren for Airport and Streets. A motion was made by Cole to keep council designations the same as the previous year. Kingsbury seconded the motion and it carried.

IV. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

- a) Economic Development- Niles updated the board on a couple of action items that have been missed in the previous council meetings. Cole made a motion to approve the request made by Economic Development to continue the Growing Leaders contract until the end of March 2026 and changing the contract amount to only the "Option 2", which is \$1,000.00 per month. Wick seconded the motion made by Cole and it carried.
- b) Police Department- Chief Marshall was absent from this meeting. Officer Niles updated the council on the Tahoe on Marshalls behalf. Niles also updated the council on a scooter & e-bike safety.
- c) Supervisor- Hileman opened discussion regarding the city backhoe. He lets the council know that it has come back and it is working; however unsure how long it will work. Hileman recommends looking at other options as the city cannot go without a backhoe. After discussion, the council would like to receive bids for a new backhoe.
- d) Clerk- Niles presented the council with an estimate to fix the police car that was involved in an accident previously this month. The insurance company involved has claimed full responsibility and will pay for the repairs. A motion was made by Cole to proceed with the repairs to the 2021 Dodge Charger. The motion was seconded by Wick and it carried.
- e) Treasurer- Colby asked the council if there was any interest to go to the KRWA conference in March. The council said they would let her know.

Don reports to the council of a large donation that was made to the swimming pool. Tracy updates the council that he is currently working on the plumbing at the new bathhouse and that it is ready for electricity.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Wick and seconded by Wallgren. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.