

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2026

**I. Call to Order**

Council President Cole opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026, at the Srader Building.

**Attendance**

Council Members: Don Wick, Chris Cole, Tracy Kingsbury, and Everett Mansholt.  
Others: Tabitha Owen, Jamie Marshall, Kim Maudlin, Rick Hileman, Melissa Colby, Beth Thompson, Joey Stansbury, Chris Huffman, Scott Roth and Brittany Niles.

**II. Consent Agenda**

Following review, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the January 12, 2026, minutes, vouchers, and receipts. Motion carried.

**III. Previous/Ongoing Business**

- a. The council was presented with two backhoe bids. After discussion, the council unanimously agreed to table the decision and wait to discuss any figures until the full council can be present. Cole requested a representative come and meet with the council.

**IV. New Business**

- a. Joey Stansbury comes before the council representing the Recreation Committee regarding funds that have been received for the purpose of the Ken Sidles Youth Training Facility. After discussion and review of the budget, Owen states there was a small issue regarding the grant funds and how they are to be spent. Typically, each purchase made by the committee would need individual approval from city council. With city council meeting only twice a month, that could slow down the process of the facility. Everett made a motion to approve the plan as proposed and waive the need for individual council approvals regarding the grant proceeds. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and the motion carried.
- b. Niles presented the council with a BUILD letter of support regarding the county bridges that require replacement. It was the general consensus of the council to support the letter.

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

- a. Economic Development- Scott Roth presented for Economic Development. The first item on their agenda was the Commercial Revitalization Grant for 114 S. Main in the amount of \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Cole and

seconded by Wick to approve the Commercial Revitalization Grant for 114 S. Main in the amount of \$5,000.00, the motion carried.

Scott then asked for the councils approval to pay the 2026 annual membership to WKREDA. He mentions that the annual fee is \$450.00 and that Valerie does intend to attend their annual meeting. Cole made a motion to pay the annual membership fee of \$450.00 to WKREDA. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and the motion carried.

The next action item was the request to remove Aurielle Hughes from the Heritage Townhomes banking accounts and replace her with Melissa Colby. A motion was made by Cole and seconded by Mansholt to remove Aurielle Hughes from the Heritage Townhome bank accounts and replace her with Melissa Colby. The motion carried.

The Economic Development board also requested to reappoint several board members. A motion was made by Cole to reappoint Nancy Schaffer, Jacob Cobb, Scott Roth and Charles Griffith to the Economic Development board. The motion was seconded by Everett and the motion carried.

Don then made a motion to waive the individual approvals for meal reimbursement for Economic Development. Chris seconded the motion and it carried.

- b. Chamber of Commerce- Chris Huffman came before the council with a copy of the budget for the Chamber of Commerce. Upon review, Huffman requested a bump in the amount given from the city. Previously the city has given \$15,000 and the new request is \$18,000.00. Scott Roth with Economic Development mentioned having the ED board vote to also help with the amount Chamber is requesting, he mentioned offering the Chamber \$2,000.00 with the city's portion being \$16,000.00. After discussion, the council has decided to table the decision upon the approval of the Economic Development board.

Huffman then notified the council the Chambers intention to apply for grant funds to purchase 10 tables and chairs. Huffman also mentioned the lack of volunteers for setting up tables for Old Settlers Day and mentioned looking into other options with the help from the city of Lebanon.

Chris then updated the council on new signage that are in the process of being made and request the council's approval for the city guys to help with hanging them up. The council asked Rick if he was interested in helping and he agreed. The council unanimously agreed for the city guys to help hang up the new signage for Economic Development.

C. Police Department- Chief Marshall updates the council that the heating unit in the department building is not working properly, and that he had Dave's Heating and Cooling come and look at it. Marshall had no update regarding the Tahoe and also mentioned the need to look into grant funds for the possibility of another police vehicle. Cole asked Jamie on the status of

acquiring AED's and Mashall stated he will look into it. Marshall also states the department is still working on the scooter safety course.

**VI. Governing Body Reports**

- a. Wick – Updated the council on the pool bath house. Still waiting on electric but contact has been made with the electrician.
- b. Mansholt – Notified the council of picking up sand and dropping it off at the golf course for the greens. Mansholt states currently the grass looks like it is growing.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mansholt, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.