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

I. Call to Order

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

Attendance

Governing Body Members: Tracy Kingsbury, Chris Cole and Don Wick
Others: Bryce Wiehl, Brittany Niles, Kim Maudlin, Melissa Colby, Josh Niles and Tabitha Owen

II. Consent Agenda

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

III. Previous/ Ongoing Business

a. Niles presented the council with an invoice to Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding the semi-annual loan payment for project #2774 in the amount of $101,254.75. A motion was made by Kingsbury to submit requested payment to KDHE. The motion was then seconded by Wick and the motion carried.

b. Airport Update- Colby updates the council on the airport project. Colby indicates that Ian, from Lochner, the engineering company, had action items that needed to be approved by council due to the bids that were given for the project come in much higher than anticipated.

i. A motion was made by Wick to give the authority to execute a construction contract at a later date with Screed Tech, LLC totaling $1,396,170.30. The motion was seconded by Cole, motion carried.

ii. A motion was made by Kingsbury to give authority to execute both of Lockner's Construction Services Agreement at a later date totaling $249,250. The motion was seconded by Wick and the motion carried.

iii. A motion was made by Cole to give authority to execute a grant application as well as supporting documentation required that accompany the grant application for the currently available federal funding for the Schedule A portion of the project totaling $915,843. The motion was seconded by Wick, motion carried.

iv. A motion was made by Kingsbury to give authority to submit and Out of Cycle grant application to KDOT for the additional funding to make the Schedule B- KDOT portion of the project totaling $111,113. The motion was seconded by Wick, motion carried.

v. A motion was made by Kingsbury to approve the total funding amount, for total construction cost $1,637,599, Schedule A- FAA $1,248,749 and Schedule B- KDOT $388,850 making the total FAA Share for Schedule A construction phase $1,169,665 and the total City Share for Schedule A construction phase $388,850. Total KDOT share for Schedule B construction phase $349,965, and the City share for Schedule B construction phase $38,885. The motion was seconded by Wick, motion carried.

IV. New Business

a. Petition for Permanent Road Closure- A request has been submitted to the council by Tim and Annette Riley to close the road starting at Blaine Street and West Third. Niles will publish a notice of hearing on petition to vacate a section of a public street and will also investigate any utilities that may be placed in the street. It was the census of the council to schedule the hearing for September 14th, 2026.

b. 2013 Dodge Charger Repairs- The council was presented an estimate from Mace Body Shop for the damage incurred to the 2013 Dodge Charger. A motion was made by Kingsbury to accept the bid from Mace Body Shop in the amount of $2117.14. Wick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

c. KDHE Technical Assistance Referral- The city received information regarding assistance from KDHE as well as KRWA regarding wastewater treatment system operations and exam preparation. A motion was made by Kingsbury and seconded by Cole to accept the assistance offered.

V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

a. Police Department- Officer Niles gave an update regarding the maintenance on all 3 of the police Chargers. During discussion, it was decided to look into purchasing a new police vehicle in 2027 and again in 2028.

A motion was made Cole to enter into executive session for 10 minutes at 6:40 PM to discuss non-elect personnel with Colby, Niles and Owen present. Executive session ends at 6:50 PM. No action taken

A motion was made by Cole to enter back into executive session for 5 minutes at 6:50 PM to discuss non-elect personnel with Colby, Niles and Owen present. Executive session ends at 6:55 PM. Following executive session, a motion was made by Wick to notify the board members of Western Plains regarding the lack of reimbursement to the city regarding their employee wages as well as request an audit of employee Larry

Pennington's hours. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and the motion carried.

Upon review of employment application, a motion was made by Kingsbury to hire Jordon Hommon as the Maintenance - Custodian full time position at pay scale #6, with a probationary period of 6 months, then to be moved to pay scale #7. Cole seconded the motion by Kingsbury and the motion carried.

b. Clerk - Niles updated the council on Ordinance 1053 violation at 708 E 4th Street. The council agreed to have the police department issue her a citation to be discussed further at city court.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Wick and seconded by Kingsbury. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Brittany Niles, City Clerk