

City of Smith Center  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2026

**I. Call to Order**

Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Srader Building.

**Attendance**

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

Others: Bryce Wiehl, Tabitha Owen, Jamie Marshall, Brittany Niles, Kim Maudlin, Rick Hileman, Melissa Colby, and Valerie Haskett.

**II. Consent Agenda**

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

**III. Previous/Ongoing Business**

- a.** Storage/Shipping Containers- The council reviewed an updated ordinance prepared by Owen. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Wick to adopt the ordinance as written. Wallgren seconded that motion and it carried. The council requested that Niles send out an additional letter regarding the existing storage container that is placed residentially.
- b.** Summer Applications- Niles presented the council with applications for Tatum Rentschler, Bailey Fuller and Conor Fitzpatrick. A motion was made by Cole to hire Tatum Rentschler as the date of her application. The motion was seconded by Wallgren, and it carried. Then, a motion was made by Wick and seconded by Kingsbury to hire Bailey Fuller and Conor Fitzpatrick. All three applicants will be utilized as lifeguards at the swimming pool; with the exception that if the street crew needs Conor to mow, he will be able to.
- c.** LandBank- Valerie Haskett presents to the council a recommendation from the LandBank to replace the roof at 209 S. Main Street. The LandBank agreed to accept the bid from Knolls out of Osborne in the amount of \$36,400.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Wick and seconded by Cole to accept the bid from Knolls to replace the roof at 209 S. Main Street in the amount of \$36,400.00. Mayor Wiehl then requested a role call vote: Mansholt, yay, Wallgren, yay, Kingsbury, nay, Cole, yay, Wick yay. Motion carried.

#### **IV. New Business**

- a.** Change of Council meeting- With the next council meeting dated for Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup>, it was the general census of the council to cancel the second meeting of the month and reconvene June 08, 2026.
- b.** Computer Updates- Niles presents the board with a bid from Kroeger Enterprises to update two desktop computers that need updated in the office. A motion was made by Wallgren to approve the bid submitted by Kroeger Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$2304.00. The motion was seconded by Wick and the motion carried.
- c.** Software Update- Niles and Colby presented a sales bid from EdmondsGov Tech. After discussion regarding the need to update the software, the council requests to meet with the company to ask additional questions. Niles will schedule for them to come to an upcoming council meeting.
- d.** Designation and Appointments- A motion was made by Wallgren and seconded by Wick to appoint Brittany Niles as City Clerk, Melissa Colby as City Treasurer, Michael Kirchoff as City Judge, Tabitha Owen as City Attorney, Steve McNary as Fire Chief and Jamie Marshall as Police Chief. Motion carried.

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

- a.** Economic Development- The Economic Development board presented special meeting minutes wherein the board offered the Economic Development Director position to applicant Valerie Haskett starting at payscale 17. Upon discussion, a motion was made by Wick to approve the recommendation submitted by the Economic Development Board to hire Valerie Haskett as the Economic Development Director at pay scale 17. Wallgren seconded the motion and it carried.
- b.** Supervisor- Hileman has nothing to update. Mayor Wiehl then announces that he had talked to an individual regarding employment on the city crew. Upon discussion, a motion was made by Wallgren to offer employment to applicant Brad McCoy part-time on a 120 probationary period at payscale 4. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and the motion carried.
- c.** Police Department- Chief Marshall updated the council stating the new Tahoe had been in a fender bender. Marshall states the damage is minor and is working to get it repaired by Mace Body Shop.
- d.** Clerk- Niles presented the council with the number to payoff the initial sewer loan that had recently been forgiven. The initial loan had a principal forgiveness not including interest and engineering fees. A motion was made by Cole to pay \$15,953.61 to payoff the loan through Kansas Water Office. The motion was seconded by Wick and the motion carried.

**VI. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Wallgren and seconded by Mansholt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Brittany Niles, City Clerk