



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by United Fiber and catered by Smithville American Legion Post 58**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:51 am.

The invocation given by David Cooper. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The December 2021 minutes were presented for approval. Don Hanks moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Charlene Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The November 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval as prepared by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Melissa Myers moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Ryan Stein seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by United Fiber

- Nicki Dalton shared that United Fiber is a subsidiary of United Electric Cooperative, Inc. with their first fiber customer installed in May of 2013. They started their residential builds in 2016.
- They now have 21,000 plus customers and over 2,900 miles of fiber with their service area going from the Iowa line to close to the Hwy 92 corridor at the moment.
- They have office locations in Smithville, Maryville, Savannah, Excelsior Springs and Cameron. They currently have 43 full time employees and still growing.
- Nicki then shared what services they currently offer with pricing.

New Board Members were inducted by Tara Young.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Tara Young

- Tara thanked United Fiber for sponsoring this month's luncheon.
- We currently have 222 members for 2022. If you are still needing to renew or would like to join and be in the directory, please do so by Friday. Also if you would like to have an ad in the 2022 directory please have that in by Friday as well.
- We are still looking for sponsors for our July, August, October and December luncheons.

- The Chamber will be having a Crawfish Boil on March 1, 2022 with United Fiber being the sponsor at the Smithville American Legion Post 58. There will be live music by the All-Star Band at this event.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- With winter here that does mean a little less construction.
- If you are looking to be a Camp Host from April through October, they are looking for someone. Contact Matt at Parks and Recreation if you are interested.
- The last couple of years they have worked to improve the budget document. They have made several improvements to the document and the budget process. If you would like to look at city documents, they are now on the website and you are encouraged to look at them. If you ever have any questions please reach out to Cynthia or any of governing body.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- Dr. Schuetz let the membership know that there are currently no masks required in the district. He also shared that the current percentage of 2.3% of our population is being affected by COVID.
- Construction is being completed on time and on budget which is always great news.
- Dr. Schuetz talked about the current teacher shortage and how much we are needing to keep our current teachers. He is asking everyone to reach out and let teachers and administrators know what an amazing job they are doing and how much you appreciate them. He asks that teachers hang in there with them.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings

None

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Strategic Agribusiness and catered by Smithville American Legion Post 58**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:51 am.

The invocation given by Paul Dexter. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The January 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Ryan Stein moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Don Hanks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The December 2021 treasurer's report was presented by Karen Lane for approval as prepared by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Debbie Cabra moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Steve Langley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Strategic Agribusiness

- Steve Langley shared a little about his background and his business.
- His business focus is helping all small to medium sized businesses. One way is identifying free money from the IRS. Which you can get under certain circumstances.
- There are no up-front consulting fees when working with them. If they find savings and you choose to move forward, then they would get a percentage of the savings.
- He went over tax credits and cost savings. Some tax credits would include ERC's, R&D and WOTC's. Cost savings would include acceleration depreciation, work comp audits, property tax audits and credit card merchant audits.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Erika shared that we have a few memberships unpaid and asked if you have not paid to please get ahold of her or another board member.
- There are still several months still available for luncheon sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring, please let Erika know or you can register on the Smithville Chamber website under the members tab.
- The Crawfish Boil sponsored by United Fiber is March 1st from 5-9pm at the Legion. Tickets are \$20 each and t-shirts are also available for \$25. There will be other things besides crawfish such as shrimp, gumbo and jambalaya. Music will be provided by the All Stars Band.

- Directories should be in at the Chamber office by Friday so please feel free to stop by and pick one up next week.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- With winter hanging around there are less outdoor projects.
- The city staff has been spending a lot of time looking at their comprehensive and strategic plans.
- ETC Institute had sent out surveys to Smithville residents not long ago. Those results came back showing that the community is supportive of the direction of the city.
- You may have seen the “Did You Know” post on the city’s Facebook page. If you have any ideas for things that you would like to know or thing that others may want to know they would love to hear them.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Kim Davis

- Dr. Schuetz is at a teacher recruitment summit learning how to recruit people into the teaching profession and how to retain current staff members.
- Kim thanked the community, parents and businesses for their continued support.
- They will be doing a “We’re lucky to have you!” on 2-22-22 for staff to let them know that they are thankful for them.
- The COVID positive trends are going down in the district. Four weeks ago, they had 68 positive cases, then 50, then 33 and now they are at 19 positive.
- Substitute rates have been going up. They currently have about a 90% fill rate.
- Attendance is at 90% currently.
- The school will be hosting a vaccination clinic on February 23rd from 12 pm – 5 pm and is open to the public. If you are interested in this, please get ahold of Denise Harwood.
- Mr. Hedgecorth said that construction on the Warrior Activity Center is on schedule and should be done at the end of May. They are planning on having an Open House when construction is finished.
- April 5th is election day. The school board has 2 seats up for election and we have 5 candidates.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings

Strategic Agribusiness drew Debbie Cabra’s name for a \$25 gift card to Local 60 Farm Market/Smithville Food Trading Post. Debbie then donated that to the school district for a teacher.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 9th, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Platte Clay Electric Coop**

The invocation given by Rick McGinniss was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The February 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Don Hanks moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Paul Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The February 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Dwayne Knott moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Harley Warlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Scott reminded everyone to register themselves and their guest for the luncheons, so we have enough food. He introduced Erika as the new chamber director and Jamie Dodrill as the new board secretary. The new member at large position to be announced by Erika.

Program: Sponsored by Platte Clay Electric Coop

Rebecca Pendleton-Meek with Platt Clay Electric gave a shout out and thank you to Aroma Bistro for lunch. She introduced Jennifer Grossl who is the manger of communications and marketing. She discussed EV's (electric vehicles), PCEC products, water heater replacement, fuel stations, discount card program and their rebate program. You can find everything on their website(pcec.coop), or you can call, and they will help with any information you may need.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

Erika announced the new member at large that was voted upon by Chamber members. Congratulations to Kelley Stumph for being the newest addition to the Chamber Board.

We have two new members that have been added. Thank you to Smithville Hay and Green Seasons Lawn and Tree Service.

Fat Tuesday event was a success! We have t-shirts still available for 15.00 dollars. If you're interested, you can purchase them through Erika. Thank you to the board and the Legion for hosting.

The next event will be held April 16th and is the Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park. We will be partnering with Smithville Parks and Recs again this year. We are looking for donations and sponsors for candy or anything that will fit in an egg. Golden ticket prizes which are big ticket items will be available in some eggs for the kids to find.

Directories are available and at the back table for pick up. If we run out at the luncheon you can always get one at the Chamber office.

July and December are still available for luncheon sponsorship. Talk with Erika or any board member if interested.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

It's winter and there is not a lot going on in the way of projects.

They city is preparing for another winter storm. Crews are getting ready and making sure all necessities are on hand.

City is doing a lot of planning. They are looking at needs for the coming year such as equipment, contracts, determine what projects they have on the books for the next few years, and starting to develop a budget to present to the city board.

In May the department directors will present budget needs to the governing body.

In the next few months, the city will develop the budget for the coming year taking into consideration community priorities. Discussions are ongoing. Again, not a lot of projects due to the weather having delayed them. The city is in the process of taking information to the board to ensure we have processes and projects lined up.

Matt and his staff are securing contracts and completing the projects at Diamond Crest Park. This is the park on the north end of town where the splash pad was completed last year.

Road improvements will continue into Spring and Fall.

The City of Smithville is hosting a heart as part of the Kansas City Parade of Hearts. We don't know the exact date the heart will be placed. Weather has delayed heart placement. Keep your eye out for ours to arrive. Cynthia would have liked the artist to be at the luncheon, but she was unavailable. Her name is Jessica Lester and info about her heart as well as her will be available for the city soon. The heart will be placed downtown Smithville on the corner of Commercial and Main Street on the SW side. The heart will be there through June and all 154 hearts will be auctioned off at the end of the tour date. You can find a map where all hearts are located on the Parade of Hearts page.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Todd Schuetz

He wants to celebrate the death of COVID. He states the district has zero cases currently.

Activity Center is coming along. It will be completed in May and there will be an open house for everyone to come see.

Winter sports are almost over. We have five male state medalist and one female state medalist for wrestling.

Boys' basketball team had twenty wins this year and they advanced to district semifinals. They lost to Chrisman High School, but they had a great season.

Girls' basketball is still playing. They have a game at 1:00pm this Saturday at the Independence Event Center. They will play against Raytown South. They are in quarter finals and if they win, they will advance to the final four.

Smithville will be a state contender again this year in the Scholar bowl.

Spring Sports have started, and you will see baseball out and practicing before the bad weather hits.

Make sure to thank a teacher for all their hard work for our students.

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

NONE

Special Drawings

Scott and Rebecca Pendleton-Meek did a drawing for three tactical knives.

DeWayne Knott, Ryan Stein, Phillip Smith were all winners.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

Smithville Historical Society wanted everyone to take note of the fliers they left behind concerning event dates of March 30th and April 4th. They have the old schoolhouse, and it needs a new roof. Any donations are welcomed.

Kelley Stumph wanted to make sure everyone new about the April 2nd date for Prom for Prom that will be held at the American Legion. All the proceeds will go back to Lisa Manz a social worker for Smithville schools. This event will help to provide kids who may not have the money to go to prom a way to do so. You can purchase a table for the event that you can decorate or pay 20.00 dollars at the door. The them is 80's beachwear.

Carol Noecker would like to thank everyone who helped with the high schooler's piolet program. Students worked directly on a project for our town businesses giving them real world experience. She did mention that she will be helping teachers around June to have externships with our area businesses so teachers can learn what workforce issues they can help with and educate our children on for their real world understanding and experiences

DeWayne Knott wanted to make sure the Chamber knew that the Legion was happy that we hold our luncheons there. He also wanted to make sure everyone votes because that is our freedom to do so. He also wanted to make sure everyone was mindful of what is going on in the Ukraine. He did want to make note that there was a flier on the tables announcing the 3rd annual 5k race held for Valor Ranch. Debbie Childress is holding this again to help purchase land and build homes for veterans bringing awareness to them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.

Smithville Chamber of Commerce

Membership Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2022

Smithville American Legion Post 58

Sponsored by Bruce & Dawn Cramer Capitol Cramer

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 12:03pm.

The invocation given by David Cooper was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The March 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Don Hanks moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Bob Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The March 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Harley moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Cheryl Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Cramer Capitol Bruce and Dawn Cramer

-Bruce Cramer Thanked Captains Corner for serving lunch.

-Bruce spoke about the Kick Step drawing at the end.

-Bruce Cramer introduced his team that was with him. Dawn Cramer Accredited Master Fiduciary 15 years in business, Jake Kretsinger Financial Advisor and Insurance Specialist, Leah Cramer who was at their office, Anthony Cramer Admin soon to be an advisor in a couple of years, Bruce Cramer Accredited Master Fiduciary Analyst of 35 years.

-Bruce Cramer introduced Jake Kretsinger to speak.

-Jake Kretsinger who spoke about the market and its vitality. He explained how the market looked as well as the future of the market. He talked about the year so far and how a 2nd possible COVID shut down, inflation, the UK situation, and a possible recession will affect the market.

-Bruce Cramer spoke about how they have discussions everyday about the market and what it is doing and the affect it has on today.

- Bruce Cramer introduced Anthony Cramer to speak.
- Anthony Cramer spoke about why he is with them and why he chooses this as his career.
- Bruce Cramer introduced his wife to speak.
- Dawn spoke about being the police commissioner of Kansas City Police Department.
- Dawn introduced a retired officer from the Kansas City Police Department to speak.
- Evan Hall spoke about being in and managing a SWAT team for KCPD. He spoke about supporting law enforcement and the importance of it. He is now running for State Representative and would appreciate your support. He will be running for House District 38. The election will be in August.
- Dawn Cramer spoke about being on the Clay County Domestic Violence Board. She spoke about the money they have raised and what differences they make in the community.
- Bruce Cramer spoke about how they will be leaving Briarcliff and had Dawn Cramer speak about how they will be moving into downtown Smithville.
- Bruce Cramer spoke about their soon to be involvement in the Smithville Main Street.
- Bruce Cramer finished up with their focus for the next year.

Reports:

Executive Director Report- Erika Winston

- Erika spoke about how we have 7 new members. Chelsea Watkins Shelter Insurance, Total Cycle Care, Academy Hair Design and Beauty, Jimmy Johns, Zumas, Step Above Preschool, and Northland Soil and Supply.
- Erika spoke about the events coming up. Eater Egg Hunt April 16th. Erica thanked Smithville Parks and Recs for helping get this event going again.
- Erika spoke thanked all sponsors for helping with candy and other donations.

City of Smithville Report:

Anna Mitchell Assistant City Administrator

- Anna spoke about the list of events we have in the city you can find on the city's webpage.
- Anna spoke about the election results.

Smithville Public Schools Report:

- Spoke about April 19th community forum.

- Spoke about April 20th K-12 Science curriculum night.
- Spoke about April the 21st high school production through April the 23rd.
- Spoke about April 30th Smithville Education Foundation is hosting a breakfast at 8am.
- Spoke about May 25th planning an open house for the activity center.
- Spoke about checking out the district webpage for future events.
- Gave thanks for all the support for the schools and teachers.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings:

- Cramer Kick Step winner was Kelly Stumph

Special Announcements:

- Bridge street theater announced that their production of God Spell is beginning. April 14th, 15th, and 16th.
- Special Needs Assured is hosting a walk for special needs. April 30th is when the event will be held.
- Good Shepard Methodist Church is holding on April 23rd a Caring for Those Who are Aging event.
- Main Street District is holding a Wine Walk on April 30th.
- Clay County Sheriffs announced a fentanyl epidemic. They are trying to bring more awareness.
- Friday May 6th at the Little Platte Distillery Phil Vandal will be there.
- Smithville Historical Society will be holding Music Bingo on April 30th.
- T-Shotz announced they are hiring.

-Smithville Lions Club announced they are having a golf tournament on September 15th and is open to anyone.

-Dennis Brewer is downsizing his life and is having a garage sale May 14th in the Citizens Bank parking lot.

-The public library is starting summer program May 31st.

-Ace Hardware is having a Red Carpet Roll Out on April 16th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Meritas Health**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:54pm.

The invocation given by Pastor Keith Ratcliff was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The April 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Harley moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Kelly Stumpf seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The April 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Melissa Myers moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Meritas Health Smithville

- Dr. Michael R. Brown introduced himself and corrected Dewayne's recognition for the Suicide awareness that was held by St. Luke's hospital. He spoke about the importance of the awareness and that he did go to this event with two of his teenagers.
- He thanked the Chamber and its members for allowing them to sponsor the lunch.
- Dr. Brown spoke about Meritas Health being a part of NKC.
- Meritas is NKC Hospitals outpatient license services. They are a 451-bed hospital and he commented that they did fill everyone of those beds during the pandemic.
- He said it took 2 years for them to start seeing normal illnesses and he expressed how happy he was for this to happen.
- They have 508 positions that employ 3,000 employees and many of these employees live in Smithville. In Smithville.
- They have over 46 medical specialties.
- Dr. Brown stated that NKC Hospital and Meritas are there to service the northland. They have a rule to never send anyone outside of the northland.
- He said they are a network of health care provides that have been serving the community for 25 years. They were established in 1994. The have 50 medical clinics, 280 physicians, and 650 employees.
- They are the largest network of physicians and specialist in the northland.
- They have an urgent care clinic less then 15 mins away at Gashland.
- All their records are integrated to follow the patient.

- Meritas Smithville opened in December of 2019, and they are located next to Subway i7 children n Smithville.
- He spoke about the growth they are having and the second physician they added.
- He spoke about his education and training.
- He practices family medicine.
- He spoke about what Meritas has to offer making them one of the best practices around. They offer same day service, onsite laboratories for blood draw, online scheduling, email access directly to your physician, an online portal for records, and that when you call the offices you speak to a real person not a recording.
- He spoke about prostate exams and the importance they have for men.
- He also spoke about the importance of colonoscopies and the new ways they do them.
- He spoke about his 7 children and that he goes to work for rest and relaxation.
- He is a beekeeper and has his own honey to give as a giveaway today.
- He introduced Dr. Cheyenne Goodwin to speak.
- Dr. Goodwin has been at the facility practicing for 6 months now. She is very happy here. Her husband is a police officer, and they have two kids.
- Dr. Goodwin spoke about preventative health care for woman. She stated that Meritas offers 3d mammograms, pap smears and the new guidelines, the importance of the vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, breast MRIs, and about having two of the best oncologists to work with if cancer is a diagnosis.
- Dr. Brown ended with thanking his staff and recognizing them for their efforts through the pandemic.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Erika thanked Meritas for sponsoring the luncheon.
- She announced the new members for the Chamber. They are Balance Fitness, Bubble Magic KC, Smithville Family Worship Center, and Next Care Urgent Care.
- She stated the Easter egg hunt was April 16th and the crowd was a lot bigger than we expected. She stated the Chamber will be adjusting for this next year.
- She announced that our next event is the Backyard BBQ Bash on September 24th, and she is working on all the details as well as registration and sponsors for this event.

City of Smithville Report – was given by Cynthia Wagnor

- Cynthia spoke about it being construction season and how some is our cities, and some is the State.
- She stated that Hospital Dr. and Tillman did have an overlay and it is completed now and has been for a couple of weeks.
- She stated the city will be completing pothole and crack fill through December.
- She states the only set back they are having is staffing issues. She said they lost one additional staff member and that will cause a conflict for finishing projects.
- She said the planning commission met and they had some authorizations that will move to the Board of Alderman. They will act on some items that came to them.
- She stated that McBees Carwash is working on permits.
- She stated that land clearance and signs have gone up at 144th Street area South of 169. A conceptual plan was presented and will have a second review by the governing body next week. This will be for the use of a mix use development on about 53 acres. This will include some commercial box stores, restaurants, and mix use housing.
- She stated that you may have seen on social media that the city has received an application for a TIF. This is concerning the project for the old Spellman Hospital downtown Smithville. This will be reviewed by the city's attorneys, and they will have info for review and discussion with the

board. There is a state prescribed process for this review as well as a timeline and notification to other taxing entities. Discussions are ongoing for this process.

- She wanted to remind everyone that bulky pick-up trash is the week of June 6th.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Todd Schutz

- He announced that he is leaving the school district and has accepted a position as Assistant Super for Human Resources at NKC schools. Denise Hardwood will become the interim for the next school year and the district will begin actively searching for a new superintendent starting in the fall.
- He stated that graduation will be on May 21st at the High School Stadium. Rain out days will be Sunday and Monday.
- He spoke about the senior prank that was played out at the High School. They toilet papered the school.
- He stated they are wrapping up their budget year by the end of June.
- He spoke about the teacher shortage that Smithville is now actively seeing.
- He stated the activity center will have an open house on May 25th and the time is to be announced.
- He asked that everyone welcome Denise Hardwood.

Old Business:

There was None.

New Business:

There was None.

Special Drawings

The winner of the honey Dr. Brown brought was Dr. Buckmiller, Bubble Magic KC, and Rick with Platinum reality.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 8th, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by
Farmers Insurance the Walker Group**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:54am.

The invocation given by David Cooper was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The May 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Don Hanks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The May 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Harley Morlock moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Josh Hurlbert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Farmers Insurance the Walker Group.

Jason Walker spoke about his insurance group and the many different insurance options they have available.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Erika thanked Jason Walker and group for sponsoring the luncheon.
- Erika stated we have 5 new businesses join as of last month.
- 169 Café, Carson Insurance Agency, Cedar Lakes Estates HOA, Nick Richie, and REMAX House of Dreams (Ryan Stein).
- Erika stated that the Chambers next event is the BBQ Bash. She stated that everyone should have gotten an email with the information on this. Erika stated that there is information provided on the back table as well as sponsorship forms if anyone is interested in sponsorship.
- Erika stated that Porters Ace Hardware donated a Traeger Pro 575 grill for the raffle this year. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 for one or \$20.00 for 6. She stated that you can see her or any board member for purchase.

City of Smithville Report – Anna Mitchell

- Stated that City Hall will be closed on July 1st and 4th. This will affect trash pickup and it will be moved to the next day.
- Fireworks are scheduled for the evening of July 1st at dusk/dark. This will happen at Smith Forks Park.
- Anna stated that there are developing updates for residential permits. The city has issued 50 residential permits and there are 3 more pending.
- She stated that with the 50 permits this is totaling a little over 13 million dollars in improvement value to the city.
- She stated that in 2021 we had 28 residential permits that totaled 7.8 million for the city.
- Anna spoke about the old hospital project. She states the city is calling this the 110 Smithville project. This project has not been officially filed with the city and they are currently in talks with the developer. Once

this is complete, they will get it filed with the State and then the timeline will begin for this project. The city will follow the statutory laws for this timeline as well.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Todd Schutz

- Todd stated that it has been a banner year for the school district. He stated the state championship win by our football team, the girls basketball team taking 4th, the Scholar bowl taking 3rd, and the Girls soccer taking 3rd has made this a great year for Smithville.
- Todd spoke about summer school beginning and that there are 250 students attending not including the high school students.
- Todd did announce that Cutlers Bus Company that has provided transportation to our Smithville district for over 40 years has sold their business to another transportation company. The location, manager, and phone number will stay the same until further notice.
- Todd stated that the school board will be having talks April 2023 and bringing their ideas to the community about building a new transportation and maintenance facility.
- Todd did state that his last day will be June 15th and then Denise Hardwood will be in charge.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Scott announced that the board has taken time to go over the bylaws. We have updated them and are asking membership to read over them. He did state that we had to give 10 days written notice to membership before we voted on them. He stated we did not make that mark for us to vote on them today but did urge membership to look over them so we can vote on them in Julys meeting.

Special Drawings

No drawing

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Cowell James Forge Insurance Group**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 12:00pm.

The invocation given by Pastor Keith Ratcliff was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The June 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Phil Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The June 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Phil Smith moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Ryan Stein seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Cowell James Forge Insurance Group

Jason Forge hosted a Family Feud themed game show asking insurance questions to all contestants playing. This was a fun way for everyone to learn what the insurance group has to offer and can help with.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New members for this month are Artic Shaved Ice, Brandi Brisbane Country Financial, and J&L Heating and Cooling.
- Erika stated that our next event is the BBQ Bash set for September 24th. She states that there are raffle tickets available for a Traeger Pro 575 Griller that was donated by Porter's Ace Hardware and a Grill Gazebo that was donated by Pack's Hardware. The cost is 1 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$20.00. They are located at the Chamber office if anyone is interested in checking them out.
- Erika stated that there are team registration forms and fliers available for the event for pickup concerning the event.
- Erika stated that they are still looking for anyone that may be interested in judging the event. Please see her if interested.
- Erika stated that we are booking luncheon sponsors for 2023. See Erika if you are interested in a specific month.
- Erika stated that this Friday the Chamber is launching its new Smithville Chamber E gift card in addition to the Chamber cash. Let Erika know if you or your business is interested.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Cynthia stated that if you follow the city on Facebook or other social media platforms that the city is providing information on follow up to the citizen survey results. They received these earlier this year and they want everyone to be aware that a video of Mayor Boley will be coming out regarding property tax rates. This will be outlining the allocation of funds and how the property tax rate in the city works.
- Cynthia stated that a project called Cured in Place Pipe Project will begin this week. This will pertain to our sewer and storm drains. This project is to help refurbish our sanitary sewer lines, so we don't have storm water leak into them. If you have any questions or want information concerning this project, you can call the city's Public Works Department at (816)532-3897.
- Cynthia proudly announced that the city received the GFAO(Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award) for excellence in budgeting. This is the third time they have received this award for transparency and communication.
- Cynthia spoke about the 2023 city budget that will go into effect in late October. She stated that they are looking for additional funding for Parks and Recreation as well as city maintenance.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Hardwood

- Denise stated that summer school has ended and was a success this year.
- Denise stated that this fall they will be kicking off a strategic planning process. She states that they will be asking for help to set goals for the next five years and this will be starting in September.
- Denise stated that they will be pulling together a Community in Crisis team due to everything that is happening in our country concerning school safety.
- Denise stated that school will be starting August 23rd.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: The Bylaws were voted on and approved by membership. These will go into effect immediately.

Special Drawings

Three gift cards for 20.00 each were given out. The winners were Brandi Brisbane, Sara Albright, and Carol Noecker

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 10th, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Hildebrand Estivo Dental**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:57pm.

The invocation was given by Pastor Keith Ratcliff and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The July 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Don Hanks moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Ryan Stein seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The July 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Harley Morlock moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Paul Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Hildebrand Estivo Dental

They spoke about when they opened and the growth they have had since opening. They spoke about the team growth and new locations they have. They also spoke about what they have to offer, what sets them aside from other dental groups, as well as what they have done to help the Smithville community out with sponsorships and donations.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Erika stated that the new members for this month are an individual Deborah Sewart and Scott Webb of Webb Wealth Management.
- Erika stated that she is still collecting items for the swag bags and if there is any business that would like to add an item to help promote their business to please get a hold of her so she can make sure it is added.
- Erika stated that our next event is the BBQ Bash set for September 24th. She states that there are raffle tickets available for a Traeger Pro 575 Griller that was donated by Porter's Ace Hardware and a Grill Gazebo that was donated by Pack's Hardware. The cost is 1 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$20.00. They are located at the Chamber office if anyone is interested in checking them out.
- Erika stated that there are team registration forms, sponsorship forms, and fliers available for the event for pickup concerning the event.
- Erika stated that we will have a cornhole tournament, pie eating contest, egg toss, and a watermelon eating contest on this day as well.
- Erika stated that Junkville will be on September 24th as well.

City of Smithville Report – Anna Mitchell Assistant City Administrator

- Anna stated that the city is in the middle of its budget year and the new fiscal year will begin on November 1st.

- Anna stated that next Tuesday they will have a work session during the board meeting, and they will be presenting a draft for the 2023 budget. This will be live streamed, and she encouraged anyone to sit in or come to the meeting.
- Anna stated that they completed a website update and urged everyone to look at it. You can go to Smithvillemo.org to look at this. She stated that the update helped to refresh the look and is easier to navigate through.
- Anna wanted to give an economic development boast about Smithville's growth. She states that we have grown over the last two years and there has been 32 million dollars' worth of new construction in the city of Smithville. She wanted to thank the businesses for helping and supporting this growth.
- Anna stated that she had an announcement from the Public Works Director. He wanted to give an update on the wastewater plant. He wanted us to know that we must buy a new bar screen. This is the device that separates all the larger items that come through the wastewater treatment plant. The bar will cost us about 3.5 million dollars. Anna stated that they are going through the Mid-American Regional Council for grants to help with this cost and are hopeful it will be covered through a grant.
- Anna gave a reminder not to flush flushable wipes because they are not flushable and get caught in the bar screen.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Hardwood

- Denise stated that summer is winding down.
- She stated that they have some exciting training for the staff known as Innovative Real-World Training. She states that they are very excited for this training.
- Denise stated that they have had a Safety and Security meeting and called together their community partners for crisis response for our Smithville schools. This is a hot topic in our nation right now and they are making sure that we are the safest we can be.
- Denise was excited to announce that all teaching positions have been filled in our district and this is a huge celebration.
- Denise stated that the new teachers start back tomorrow, and the rest of the staff will be back next Wednesday.
- Denise stated that they will be having the vendor fair on Wednesday as well.
- She stated that the first day of school will be August 23rd.
- Denise stated that our first home football game will be August 26th against Raytown.
- Denise wanted to make sure to let everyone know how much they appreciate their community partners.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Special Drawings

There was no drawing.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Citizens Bank and Trust**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:58am.

The invocation given by David Cooper was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The August 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Paul Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The August 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Harley Morlock moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Cheryl Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Citizens Bank and Trust

- Citizens Bank and Trust sponsored the luncheon but had a speaker in place. Melissa Lallo Johnson, President of the PTO came to speak about a district wide school fundraiser that will be launching soon and the inclusion of our area businesses to reach the goal. This fundraiser will help the PTO to help all schools in our district.
- Whitney Carlile spoke about the hiring process for the new superintendent. She spoke about the districts partnership with EGL to help with the hiring process. She introduced Destry Brown from EGL to speak about the partnership.
- Destry Brown from EGL spoke about EGL and the hiring process. He welcomed all applicants. He stated that they will be accepting applicants until the end of October.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Erika thanked Citizens Bank and Trust for sponsoring.
- Our new members are Todd Nitsche with Country Financial, Dentistry at Smithville Marketplace, American Financial Network, and individual Janice Patrice Heinz.
- Our upcoming events are September 23rd ribbon cutting for Dentistry at Smithville Marketplace at 10:00am and September 24th BBQ Bash. Erika thanked all sponsors for this event. Erika stated that we will have a booth at the October 22nd Haunted Campground. She stated that all donations for this event are welcomed from our members. Erika spoke about the Chamber bringing the award ceremony back and that this will be happening on February 23rd, 2023. This will be held at White Iron Ridge, and we will be partnering with the Smithville Legacy Fund for a fundraiser.

- Erika gave a reminder to all members about the Chamber E-gift card. She stated that if you have not gotten involved and need more information or have questions to please contact her.
- Erika stated that we are booking for our 2023 luncheons, and we have about 6 months left. If you want to sponsor, please see Erika.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Cynthia spoke about the 2023 city budget.
- Cynthia talked about the treatment of water and the ongoing maintenance they are doing. She spoke about the grant the city is going for to replace the screen to help with the sewer system.
- Cynthia spoke about new positions available in the city and the hiring process for this.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Harwood

- Denise spoke about an audit that was done in the district and it turned out with good ratings.
- Denise spoke about the growth the district has seen.
- Denise talked about community involvement and the importance of this as they are planning the next 5 years.
- Denise stated that they are still working on safety planning through the district and that this will be a continued effort.

Chamber Board President Scott Pearson –

Scott spoke about supporting our local businesses and how we can continue to support one another.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings-

There was a drawing for a mystery bag from Citizens and Amanda Scogin was the winner of this.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 12th, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Smithville Chamber of Commerce**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:58am.
The invocation given by Rob Ernest was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The September 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Cheryl Taylor moved that the minutes be approved as presented, James Lyen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The September 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Don Hanks moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Smithville Chamber of Commerce

- Erika Winston Chamber Director spoke about what the Chamber has accomplished in the last year. She spoke about the benefits of being a Chamber member and what more they have to offer its businesses.
- Kelley Stumph spoke about the BBQ Bash and recognized the Carson's for the Pineapple Award.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New members this month are James Lyen and American Financial Justin Hough.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Cynthia spoke about the city sewage improvements.
- She spoke about finalizing the city's budget.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Harwood

- Denise Harwood spoke about the upcoming annual play.
- She spoke about the school districts strategic planning process.
- Denise spoke about a new app that they are encouraging the district and its families to download.
- She also spoke about the money raised from the latest fundraiser.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

No drawing.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
November 9th, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Security Bank**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:54am.
The invocation given by Kay Peca was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The October minutes were presented for approval. James Lyen moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The October 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Harley Morlock moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Cheryl Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Security Bank

- Leo Slenker spoke and introduced the Smithville High School band. They played each branch of services anthem. All Veterans were asked to come up as their anthem was played. They introduced themselves after.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Our new members are Rose Cottage Boutique, Turner Construction Company, Meta, and All Dry.
- Erika stated that the after hours at Citizens Bank was a success.
- The Candyland Christmas dates are 12/3/2022 and 12/9/2022. Santa will be there, and we will have a hot cocoa trailer.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Gina Pate will be our new city administrator.
- Public city information meeting will be held at 6:00pm November 15th.
- It was voted that the city Alderman and Mayor will serve four your terms.
- She reminded everyone not to flush wipes.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Harwood

- District football playoffs start this Friday November 11th against Kearney.
- She spoke about the continued strategic planning process.
- She spoke about the school calendar being set up for next year.
- Denise stated that the superintendent's search is down to nine candidates.
- Denise recognized Carol Noecker for her work with the students and real-world learning.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

- This drawing was for the centerpieces on the tables.
- Winners were:
Dentistry at Smithville Marketplace, Becky Sellars with Full Features, Jeanne Saylor with Citizens Bank and Trust, Dan Hartman with Hartman Reality, Ronna Mack with Nellies, Natalie Thompson with Porters, Jesse Nichols, Robert Dominick with ServiceMaster, Debbie Cabra with Central Bank, Gina Pate with the city, Devon Kent with Central Bank, and Dennis Reeves.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Smithville Housing Authority**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 12:00pm.

The invocation given by Paul Dexter was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The November minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Paul Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The November 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Don Hanks moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Cheryl Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Smithville Housing Authority

- Bob Foster spoke about the history of the Housing Authority and its importance. He spoke about how, why, and when it began. He told everyone about how the funding is given for the continued operation of the facility.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Our new member for the month was Pro Circuit.
- Candyland Christmas was cold this year, but it was a great success.
- The Chamber Elf is continuing to visit Smithville area businesses through December. Let Erika know if you would like the Elf to come visit your business.
- Let Erika know if you would like to sponsor the December 2023 luncheon. This is the only luncheon we have left.
- Let Erika know if you would like to sponsor an After-Hours.
- The Herzog Foundation ribbon cutting went well and had a great turn out.
- Upcoming Chamber events are Fat Tuesday, the Awards Banquet, the Easter Egg Hunt and the 2023 BBQ Bash.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Beginning December 15th, they will be continuing the water main project. You may see some interruptions with your water coming downtown due to this project.
- They will be having some public meetings on upcoming projects. These are public meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Harwood

- Denise thanked Bob Foster for all his work with the students and families within the Smithville community.
- Shop With a Cop will be held on December 17th.
- Denise introduced Destiny Marsh with the Smithville High School Business department. She spoke about the new school store and what the students have done. She encouraged everyone to check it out.
- Don Simon introduced himself and spoke about what he does in the business department. He spoke about the new coffee shop at the high school. He also spoke about broadcasting/networking and the improvements that have been made.
- Denise spoke about the second semester goals.
- She spoke about the Interview Fair and Client Connected Projects.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

There was no drawing.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm