



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 9th, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Community in Action**

Meeting called to order by Becky Pendleton-Meek at 12:01pm.
The invocation given by David Cooper was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program - Smithville Community in Action

Community in Action presented what they do to help the Smithville community to keep our kids safe. They spoke about the new dangers to our children and what they are doing to help combat this within the community and what our area businesses can do to help keep our kids safe.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New members are Raising Rust Event Center, Bridge Street Hair Studio, Integrated Financial Solutions of Kansas City, Just Like Home Vacation Rentals, Light it Up LLC, and T-Mobile.
- August 24th ribbon cutting at 4:00pm with Attic Storage.
- August 31st ribbon cutting at 6:00pm with Raising Rust.
- September 6th will be the next Rise and Shine sponsored by 169 Café and will be located at 169 Café.
- The next event is September 23rd and is the BBQ Bash. We have 20 teams signed up so far. Eight available spots left. Porter's Ace donated a grill to raffle off that day.
- 2024 luncheon has a few spots left open.
- The membership of the month will be Childrens Service Fund of Clay County.
- Reminder to register for the luncheon and be present to get on the wheel and win a chance at being the member of the month.
- September will be Beshears Tree and Lawn.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Started on fall programing for youth Parks and Recs Sports and continually trying to expand for you and adult activities.
- Registration opened last week for the Haunted Campground and the sites sold out in 7 mins. They auctioned off 4 additional sites as well.
- The Board of Alderman will have a special meeting for additional sales tax to go on the November ballot. This will go to help the city with additional services.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Mark Maus

- Finishing up summer projects. Transportation projects will continue and are expected to be open a year from now.
- The middle school turf field is expected to start. This will help with the Marching Band, P.E., and shared with Horizon Elementary as well.
- New teachers and staff are starting training and school starts in about a week.
- Scott Moore the new High School Principle spoke about his excitement to start his new position and gave some background about himself.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

No drawings.

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 1:03pm.