

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes**  
**April 3, 2017**

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m., April 3, 2017 at the municipal meeting room. Those members present were Mayor Boyce Baumgardner, Council Members Buddy Sisson, Mike Hastings, Bob Sturms, and Pat Larkin, City Attorney Laura Allen, City Clerk Tiffany Bohnen and Utilities Supervisor David Jones. Shawn Taylor was not present.

Guests: Tim & Tina Evans, Steve Schlup, Rich Dorneker and Bruce Burditt

**Agenda**

Sisson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Larkin seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from March 20, 2017. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Scheduled Visitors**

- Tim & Tina Evans appeared before Council as representatives for the Dangerous Structure hearing for the property located at 618 Oak St. The consensus of the Council is to give the Evans' a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> to remove the unfinished structure. Council agreed to allow them to leave the posts that have been set in concrete so that a building may be erected later but all else must be removed. The Evans' will attend the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to update Council on the progress made.
- Bruce Burditt appeared before Council as a representative for the Dangerous Structure hearing for the property located at 617 Cedar. The consensus of the Council is to give Mr. Burditt a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> to remove all rubbish from the property.

**Enforcing Officer**

- 420 Elm, previously deemed a dangerous structure, has been removed by the property owners.
- A dangerous structure hearing for 621 S Walnut was to be held but no representatives from the property appeared before Council. Sturms made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-5, finding that the structure located at 621 S Walnut is unsafe or dangerous and directing that the structure be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and secure within 30 days. Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Enforcing Officer has inspected 601 Maple St and recommends that the structure be considered a dangerous structure.

**City Attorney**

- Larkin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 973 amending the code and adopting the following codes: International Building Code 2012, National Electric Code 2005, International Plumbing Code 2012, International Residence Code 2012, International Fuel Gas Code 2012 and International Mechanical Code 2012. Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission**

- General discussion was held regarding code violations.

- Sisson made a motion to approve Building Permit No. 2017-3 approving the construction of a new press box and concession stand at the Rich Potter Field. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Hastings made a motion to approve Building Permit No. 2017-4 approving new electrical work following the National Electrical Code 2005 to be done at 315 Broadway. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Mayor's Report**

- Sturms made a motion to enter into a 10-minute executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss nonelected personnel. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Returned to regular session at 7:15 p.m.
- Upon returning, Hastings made a motion to give Allen Craney a merit raise upon completion of his 90-day probation period. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sturms made a motion to declare a proclamation and offering of support for a new Emergency Room at Morris County Hospital. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sisson made a motion to approve a bid from Modern Air to relocate the air conditioner units to the east side of the Community Building for \$2,750. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The city has closed on a 3-acre property South of the ball fields in Swope Park on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- A Disc Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, April 2nd. There were 22 golfers even with all the mud. The city crew did a great job at prepping the course for the tournament.

#### **Utilities Supervisor Report**

- A culvert has been ordered to place at Sycamore and 4<sup>th</sup> to assist with drainage.
- Since the rain, the crew has been monitoring the ditches and potential drainage problems.
- The floor is complete in the Prairie PastTimes restroom.
- Jones is waiting on a quote from Emporia Construction & Remodel to do some work on the River Bridge.

#### **City Clerk's Report**

- Sisson made a motion to approve a special event request from Chase County Alumni Association to hold their annual parade and dance on June 24, 2017. Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sisson made a motion to approve a special event request from Chase County Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual River Suite Dinner and Concert on June 9, 2017. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sisson made a motion to approve a special event request from Chase County Recreation Commission to hold an Easter Egg Hunt in Swope Park on April 15, 2017. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Larkin made a motion to donate a port-a-potty for the Earth Day festivities held at Millstream Motel on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Larkin made a motion to approve setting the Twin Cities Garage Sale Day for April 22, 2017 and the Twin Cities Cleanup Day on April 29, 2017. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Council discussed a nomination for the Housing Authority Board. Clerk Bohnen will contact the nominee to see if they would be interested in the position.

#### **Time Cards:**

Sturms motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 26299-26316. Sisson seconded. Motion carried.

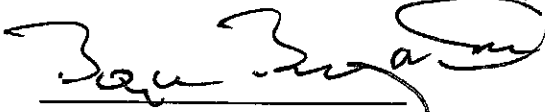
Sturms motioned to approve a total of 12.5 hrs overtime. Hastings seconded. Motion carried.

**Accounts Payable**

Sturms moved to approve checks 26317-26339. Sisson seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Sturms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Larkin seconded. Motion carried.



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Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor



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Tiffany R. Bohnen, City Clerk

