

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes**  
**April 7, 2025**

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:07 in the Municipal meeting room.

Council member present were Mayor Buddy Sisson, Council members Mike Hastings, Chris Carathers, Greg Campbell, Ryan Sinden, and Bill Kewley, Utilities Supervisor Scott Gumfory, and Utility Clerk Teri Davis.

**Agenda**

Kewley made a motion to approve the agenda. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Minutes**

Carathers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025, meeting. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Guests:**

There were no visitors.

**City Attorney Report:**

Stuart Symmonds related conversations with Frontier Development Group about a signed agreement for RHID. It was shared that a request has been received for a letter to pay an additional \$32,500. Mayor Sisson requested more investigation/clarification before issuing a letter.

**Mayor Report:**

Mayor Sisson reported that we need to choose a different date for our fireworks. July 3, 2025 was chosen, and the mayor will notify our fireworks personnel.

**City Clerk Report:**

A motion was made by Spinden and seconded by Carathers to have the Clerk prepare a letter to KDOR to add a new point of contact of Mike Hastings, Council President and update authorized users for tax matters with the State of Kansas. Motion carried without opposition.

A motion was made by Spinden and seconded by Hastings to contact Citizens State Bank to remove former Council members and staff as authorized signers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Hastings moved and Carathers seconded to approve a Special Event Request for a "Hands Off Rally" to be held April 19, 2025. Motion carried without opposition.

A favorable consensus was reached by Council on the following:

- Provide trash containers & collection for Flint Hills Rodeo in exchange for advertising.
- Announce April 26, 2025, for Twin Cities Garage Sales free dump day.

**Utilities Supervisor Report:**

Supervisor Gumfory reported that bids have been received for street repairs. Mayor Sisson requested the Supervisor to refine projects to trim costs closer to last year's cost of \$180,000. The need for a

Water discussion was discussed and Supervisor will check into classes. Additionally, selling of the road grader was discussed. It was determined that the city needs to determine whether bids are required.

Hastings moved and Kewley seconded to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Executive Session started at 6:55PM. Hastings moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:10 PM. Kewley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

In regular session, it was reported that no action was taken as the result of the Executive Session.

Council interviewed a candidate for the open City Clerk position. At the conclusion of the interview, the candidate was thanked and released. The mayor requested another Executive Session to discuss filling the vacant position. Spinden moved and Hastings seconded entering Executive Session for 25 minutes to discuss filling the vacant position. Motion carried and Executive Session entered at 7:40 PM. Hastings moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Spinden and carried unanimously.

It was announced by Carathers that the action to be taken was to conduct a background investigation and upon positive results an offer be extended to the candidate just interviewed. Hastings was assigned to that task.

There were no updates to be discussed by the committees.

Hastings moved to pay checks 33590—33614 + 11 EFTs for payroll. Carathers seconded and motion carried unanimously. Hastings moved to pay checks 33615-33636 for bills. The motion was seconded by Kewley and passed unanimously.

Hastings moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Motion was seconded by Kewley and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

**Adjournment**

Hastings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*William C. Sisson*

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William C Sisson, Mayor

*Terri Davis*

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Terri Davis, Utility Clerk