

# CITY OF COTTONWOOD FALLS

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December 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:02 pm in the Municipal Meeting Room.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor Buddy Sisson, Council Members Chris Carathers, Mike Hastings, Bill Kewley, Ryan Spinden, City Attorney, Utilities Supervisor Scott Gumfory, and Tina Andrews, City Clerk. Greg Campbell was not present.

Agenda Approval: Mike Hastings motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Chris Carathers, passed unanimously.

Previous Minutes Approval: Bill Kewley motioned to approve prior minutes, seconded by Mike Hastings, passed unanimously.

Guests: None.

City Attorney Report: No report.

Mayors Report:

The mayor asked Tina to check out tablets that could be used at the council meetings. A large amount of paper has been used at each meeting.

The Emporia Veterinary Hospital proposal was discussed. Mike Hastings motioned to approve their proposal, seconded by Bill Kewley, passed unanimously. Tina will contact EVH to notify them of their approval.

Ron Cahoone Utility Deposit from 1981 was discussed. Ryan Spinden motioned it to give Ron credit and apply it to his next utility bill. Second, by Bill Kewley. Motion carried.

The ARPA checks were discussed. They were sent back to the State of Kansas; they were not for the City of Cottonwood Falls but for the Cottonwood Falls Housing Authority. The Department of Commerce would send an ACH directly to their account.

Old Business:

Information on property tax was reviewed. The Council took no action.

Executive Session: None.

City Clerk:

H. Martin has a gift card and Christmas card from the City of Cottonwood Falls. Signed by the Council. It was decided to have Terri to post on Facebook about any cat nuisances in the city.

Proof of cash has been caught up, put into the council notebooks.

Budget has been posted to QB. Some items were questionable; Tina had reached out to Chelsie and Janis about those budget items.

Christmas Luncheon at noon, Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building. Talked about the Strong City meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> that Terri Davis and Tina attended.

Utilities Supervisor:

Scott talked about the trash truck repair needed on a metal piece on the back of the truck. The council did not see any problems with Scott's suggestions on the repair. He has ordered parts for the backhoe, and the Sterling truck is working. Discussion on putting the Sterling truck up for sale and it was decided to sell the truck. Scott will look at the options for the sale. He has been preparing for severe weather.

Mike Hastings thanked the retiring elected members of the council meeting; Bill Kewley and Chris Carathers. Buddy talked about how they were appointed to the council originally and filled open spots of the council. Buddy thanked both Bill and Chris for being on the council and serving the community.

Mike Hastings thanked Ryan Spinden for hosting veterans for the Army and Navy game, the Saturday before.

Mike Hastings presented the bill payment checks, EFT's, QuickBooks payroll figures, and overtime. Federal, Medicare & Social Security, and State Withholdings EFT's. Motion to approve the information presented by Mike Hastings seconded by Chris Carathers. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn given by Bill Kewley at 7:13pm, seconded by Mike Hastings, passed unanimously.