

CITY OF COTTONWOOD FALLS

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The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Meeting Room.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor Buddy Sisson, Council Members: Greg Campbell Mike Hastings, Ryan Spinden, Nick Rogers, Grant Edwards, and City Attorney Stuart Symmonds. Utilities Supervisor Scott Gumfory, and Tina Andrews, City Clerk.

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

Previous Minutes Approval: Greg Campbell motioned to approve prior minutes, seconded by Grant Edwards, passed unanimously.

No Guests – No Unscheduled Visitors

No City Attorney Report

Stuart introduced himself to the new council members and welcomed them.

Mayors Report:

Standard Traffic Ordinance No. 1002

Motion to approve by Nick Rogers, seconded by Mike Hastings, passed unanimously.

Tina will order 2 hard copies of the STO & also a Planning & Zoning booklet from the League of Kansas Municipalities.

Stuart mentioned that the city should check into adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC).

** Tina checked into it: \$100 online version - Hard copy: \$14.25 . (Sent information by email – 167 pages).

Must be adopted by an ordinance: the 2026 version will be released July.

The purpose of regulating various public offenses within the corporate limits of the city limits.

One official copy of said UPOC shall be marked as “Official Copy”.

Amendments and Deletions: UPOC (41st/ 2025) Editions can be amended and/or deleted.

UPOC could be needed in prosecuting an offense in Municipal court.

BCBS Insurance: discussed the rates increases & the information received from BCBS. The city is doing more research into other options.

PPT were interested in purchasing the wooden chairs for their new location. After some research, the prices for the antique wood chairs ranged from \$195 to \$295. The city decided not to sell the chairs at this time.

Water increases were reviewed. The council wants more detailed information on expenses and other items.

Flint Hills Rodeo, Stacy Swift has asked the City of Cottonwood Falls for free dumpster service for exchange for advertising. The council agreed to their request.

Resolution #2026-2 Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region I Hazard Mitigation
Mike Hastings motioned to approve Resolution #2026-2, seconded by Nick Rogers, motion carried.

Banners for the semi quincentennial / July 4th information was discussed, Tina will reach out to the Chamber, Chase County offices, and Strong City about sharing the costs. Sisson talked about purchasing small American flags. Food trucks that would agree to be on-site for July 3rd. Tina will check on the prices for the flags.

City Clerk Report:

Thank you from the Old School Christmas Silent Auction for donating items.

Wi-Fi issues, Tina will call about the problems.

FEMA: Emergency Support Functions meeting. Tina will reach out to Scott Wiltse to find out more information. Greg Campbell asked about the Incident Command Classes.

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Utilities Supervisor Report:

The snow removal went well, and the new truck worked great.

Other Business:

STAFF POLICY & RELATIONS: Hastings & Sisson

STREETS ALLEY & PROPERTIES: Hastings & Campbell

PARKS & RECREATION: A park clean up was discussed. The council will review the request; the city employees usually do some cleaning in the spring. Playground equipment was discussed. No action taken.

SIDEWALKS: Edwards & Sisson: The handicap request was discussed. No action taken.

ECONOMICS, TAXATION & FINANCE: Rogers, Spinden, Campbell

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Spinden & Hastings

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Sisson, Spinden, Rogers

Mike Hastings presented the bill payment checks & voided check, 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 Nick Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn given by Mike Hastings at 6:58 pm, seconded by Nick Rogers, passed unanimously.