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June 1, 2026

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: Mike Hastings, Greg Campbell, Ryan Spinden, Nick Rogers, Grant Edwards, and Stuart Symmonds, City Attorney. Scott Gumfory, Utilities Supervisor, and Tina Andrews, City Clerk.

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

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

Guests: No guests.

MAYOR REPORT:

Building Permit: Mason Johnson – 320 Main Street, - CWF, KS – Wood Privacy Fence
Ryan Spinden motion to approve, seconded by Nick Rogers, motion carried.

Demolition Permit: Chris & Nicol Dold – 213 Elm Street, CWF, KS – Remove sidewalk, plant grass.

The council discussed there was no sidewalk north or south of this residence. The council reviewed the pictures that Chris Dold sent. Nick Rogers motioned it to approve the request, seconded by Grant Edwards, motion carried.

Special Event Request – Chase Co. Chamber of Commerce – River Suite – June 12, 2026

Motion to approve given Mike Hastings, seconded by Nick Rogers, motion carried.

Special Event Request – CCHS Alumni Weekend Events & Parade – June 27, 2026

Motion to approve was given by Nick Rogers, seconded by Mike Hastings, motion carried.

- Ryan Spinden asked Scott to deliver 4 barricades for the social event / beer garden the Friday before.

Ordinance No. 1008 – RVs, Trailers, & Boats / Extension & Exemption Application Form

After a discussion on the ordinance, Nick Rogers motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1008. Motion was seconded by Mike Hastings, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brenda Wessel, Pool Manager, requested an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) – cost of \$1,550. After a discussion, Ryan Spinden motioned to approve the purchase of the AED, seconded by Nick Rogers, passed unanimously.

Charles Rayl has leased the airport hangar for many years. He called the office on May 19, 2026; to inform the council he has moved his private property out of the hangars. Charles Rayl has paid the property taxes for many years according to Nick Rogers. and it shows there is a lease with the City of Cottonwood Falls. Stuart Symmonds recommended a Lease Release Form be typed up and sent to Charles Rayl to make it official and send a copy to the appraiser's office. Stuart talked about applying for an FAA Funds available for updates and repairs. Tina will email Crystal Hinnen.

No response to the second letter of the person who has a camper and vehicle parked on the city sidewalk. The letter was sent certified and the receipt has not been received. No action taken.

Terry Porter letter was sent as per request of council about the North Park overgrowth.

No funds have been received for the replacement of the light pole on Broadway. Council said to wait sixty days, and they will review their options.

Discussion on the items for the America's 250th Anniversary / July 4th was discussed. It was decided to order the Patriotic Glow Sticks, 250th (handheld) flags, American (handheld) flags. The council wants to order 4 large flags for the 250th. Tina ordered the 250th Anniversary coins w/ acrylic case. Council discussed the mural or canvas, and they do not want the canvas on glass. Ryan suggests using the patio next to the Rogler building. Nick said Ken Rogler would only have one issue: a fence is scheduled to be installed sometime soon around the patio. Ray McGeorge is covering the cost of the canvas. The council suggested using the empty space at the Municipal building for use for restrooms. Rogler building has restrooms also. The council suggested to add 250th Celebration flags to be hung at Swope Park. Scott will set a design for the flag poles for the flags.

Ray McGeorge, Steering Committee Chair, will be having a meeting Wednesday, June 1st, 2026 @ 6 pm at the Municipal Building. Council members will be attending if available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kim Reyer - Fairground building – called the office – no vote due to lack of attendance.

CITY CLERK:

Tina ordered some items for the 250th Celebration. Workman's Comp Audit & SLFRF final reports are done.

Crystal Hinnen has been emailed and some questions on the grant for the lagoon, wanted to talk to Scott.

Terri updated the water bills rates.

UTILITIES REPORT:

Scott Gumfory reported on the updates for the paving for the city streets. APAC – Kansas Inc. – Shears Division bid for \$198, 427.15 was motioned by Nick Rogers for approval, seconded by Ryan Spinden, Motion carried.

Buddy was concerned about the handicap pad at the Community Building if it could be replaced. Scott said they would work on it.

Scott would like to have the summer hours for his employees to change due to the heat. New hours would be from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm. Council say no problem with the summer hours changing. If any difficulties arise, they will change them back. Scott will be taking his vacation next week.

Staff Policy & Relations:

Street Alleys & Properties:

Economics, Tax & Finance:

Parks & Recreation:

Sidewalks:

Economics, Taxation & Finance:

Community Relations:

Capital Improvements:

APPROVAL OF: Payroll, Taxes, EFT's, and Bills:

Mike Hastings presented the bill payment checks, voided check, EFT's, QuickBooks payroll figures, and overtime. Federal, Medicare & Social Security, and State Withholdings, KPERS. Mike Hastings motioned to approve, seconded by Nick Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Hastings, seconded by Nick Rogers, motion carried: Time 7:03 pm.

Mayor William Sisson: *William C. Sisson*

Attest: Tina Andrews, City Clerk: *Tina Andrews*