

City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes  
May 19, 2025

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, Chris Carathers, Mike Hastings, Bill Kewley, Ryan, Spinden. Utilities Supervisor, Scott Gumfory and City Clerk, Tina Andrews.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Hastings, seconded by Bill Kewley, motion passed. A motion to approve the prior minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup>, by Bill Kewley, seconded by Greg Campbell, passed.

Matt Miller wanted to discuss and clarify the meter costs when installing them into new structures. With the decision to have the city pay for the lines up to the meter, the costs of the meter and installation would be paid by the homeowner and/or developer. This includes the sewer lines also. The culvert at the Vine Street Duplexes tube drainage has been clogged, he is wanting to clean up the ditch when installing the new tube. Buddy inquired about limestone costs for a future pool house exterior. Matt asked about some land next to the Old School Project Organization, Buddy will reach out to Lee Anne Coestner about the property.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Buddy received a Preliminary Architectural Report from BG Consultants pertaining to Municipal Pool Improvements. The fee of \$7,500 would be due to BG Consultants once the Council has time to review the report. The consultant's name is Clint Hibbs of BG Consultants. , The report was sent to Stuart Symmonds by Buddy.

Grass ordinances will be discussed in the future and the ordinance will need to be updated. A property that had not been mowed was discussed and Tina will find out who owns the property. The new ordinance will address the most common offenders. The city charged a fee for mowing for the amount \$150 last year. Buddy would like the properties mowed with the overgrown grass at that location soon as we can identify who owns the properties. A resolution will be prepared and sent to the land and/or homeowners. Addresses will be given to Tina.

Matt Markley will need to be paid \$250 for June water inspection service.

The light pole that was replaced on Broadway was discussed. Tina will need to find out who paid for the replacement of the pole. Buddy needed to know if the City paid for the replacement or the driver's insurance paid for the replacement.

**CITY CLERK REPORT:**

The insurance for the Fair Building is being paid for by the City of Cottonwood Falls. The Fair Organization will reimburse the city in the future.

Cindy Jensen, Audit for the City of Cottonwood Falls for the year 2024 was presented, with a fee of \$6,700. Chris Carathers motioned it to go forward with the audit and fee; it was seconded and approved.

Summer Road Trip updates: Tiffany Harshman, Toni Schneider, & Dawn Sisson has been notified. Tina will check to see if any sponsors have signed up for the Summer Road Trip event.

Terri has seen non-permitted semi-trucks. Scott will do some checking to see if a few of them that have been parked for a while if they need to have permits. City Clerk's report in detail is listed in the agenda.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Scott reported that the mowing was being done for the Disc Golf Tournament for Memorial weekend.

The Veterans banners were put up downtown before Memorial weekend.

The broken pool line was repaired, and they are in the process of refilling the pool. Matt Markley told Scott they are refilling the tower and had to backflush the filters. Because of this it will take longer to refill the pool; Buddy will reach out to Matt about this. Brenda will not open the pool for Memorial weekend and postpone the opening for the following weekend.

There are couple of new meters to be installed, one for the 4-H project / FFA for the animals.

Mike Hastings presented the timecard information and overtime hours, Payroll & PR Taxes information sent by EFT's. Mike motion to approve the payroll, timecard, and EFT's, Ryan seconded it, motion passed.

He also presented the bills and checks for the last couple of weeks. Mike motion to approve the payments of bills and checks, seconded by Ryan, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was given by Mike at 6: 54 pm, seconded by Bill, motion passed.



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William C. Sisson, Mayor



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Tina Andrews, City Clerk