

City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes
July 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at the Municipal meeting room. Those present were Council members Chris Carathers, Mike Hastings, Bob Sturm, Pat Larkin, and Bill Kewley. Mayor Buddy Sisson, City Clerk Debbie Bower, Utilities Supervisor David Jones, and City Attorney Laura Viar.

Agenda

Sturms made a motion to approve the agenda with a correction to add a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Carathers seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes

Hastings made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021, meeting as they read. Kewley seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Sisson asked for 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 6:05 p.m. Mike made a motion to go into executive session. Larkin seconded. Motion carried. Larkin motioned to return to regular session at 6:20 p.m. Hastings seconded. Motion carried. Larkin motioned to return to executive session for 10 minutes. Carathers seconded. Motion carried. Larkin motioned to return to regular session at 6:30 with a motion to authorize Jones to act accordingly and use the best practice for the City and the employee. Hastings seconded. Motion carried.

Sisson updated Council on a phone call he returned on a letter the city had sent to Ideatek for the way the installation and clean up was being handled. Sisson was assured by Nic Smith, Install Manager of Ideatek that they try harder to do better.

Visitors

Leann Coester came before Council to ask for a temporary liquor license for an event at the Chase County Old School Development District held on July 16, 2021. Hastings motioned to approve the temporary license. Kewley seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Schlup, President of Planning Commission came to talk to Council about a new construction at 421 Cedar. Council had a few questions for the homeowner before approving the permit. No action was taken.

City Clerk's Report

Bower brought a building permit for 405 Sycamore. Larkin made a motion to approve the permit. Kewley seconded. Motion carried.

Bower informed Council of a water customer with an extremely high water bill due to a water leak for 56,000 gallons of water. The City waived the sewage to what the customer would use regularly and look further into the matter. Council agreed the customer will pay the average of his bill then the Council will look further into the matter and address at the July 19, 2021, council meeting.

Utilities Supervisor

Jones brought more quotes to Council for utility vehicles. Council suggested for Jones to keep searching. Jones shared a quote from Bryant & Bryant Construction for Friend and Broadway Street for possible street repair. No action was taken.

Jones asked Council for permission to put the Sterling Trash Truck and the old International 404 and other miscellaneous items on purple wave. Hastings made a motion to approve putting the items for sale on purple wave. Larkin seconded. Motion carried.

Jones told Council of school zone signs and street name signs needing ordered. Council agreed Jones should go ahead with ordering the new signs.

A discussion was held about the old tornado siren at the courthouse. No action was taken.

Timecards

Sturms made a motion to approve timecard and payroll checks 30614-30629. Hastings seconded. Motion carried.

Sturms made a motion to approve overtime for 21.07 hours. Carathers seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration of Bills

Sturms made a motion to approve checks 30633-30649 for accounts payable. Hastings seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Sturms made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Kewley seconded. Motion carried.

William C Sisson, Mayor

Deborah Bower, City Clerk