

## City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes

August 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:00 in the Municipal meeting room. Those present were Mayor Buddy Sisson, Council members Mike Hastings, Greg Campbell, Chris Carathers, Bill Kewley, and Ryan Spinden, Utilities Supervisor Scott Gumfory, City Clerk Bree Larkin, and City Attorney Stuart Symmonds.

### Agenda

Hastings made a motion to approve the agenda. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Minutes

Kewley made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2024, meeting as they read. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Hastings made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2024, meeting as they read. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Guests:

Janis Meyer and Chelsie Dieker from Wright CPA presented the 2025 budget to the council. Spinden made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Craig Rees attended the meeting to discuss the status of the stray cats in his neighborhood. He has live trapped and relocated 3 cats, but is still having issues with cats coming on to his property destroying his plants and patio furniture. The council discussed the live trapping that has been taken on by Sam Jones, who has live trapped and relocated more than 25 cats. The city will check with her and if she is not utilizing the traps currently the city will take over for the time being. The city clerk will also send a letter to the resident feeding the strays that she is creating a nuisance and ask her to refrain from leaving food out for them.

### City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Larkin presented a temporary liquor license request for the Old School Development District for a fundraising event August 23. Spinden made a motion to approve the request. Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Larkin presented a Special Event Request from the Drug Free Action Team to host a fatal DUI demonstration at the High School. Kewley made a motion to approve the request. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Larkin presented a Building Permit Request for 349 State Ste. Kewley made a motion to approve the request. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Larkin provided an update on the property at 205 Main Street. The owner has sold the property and the new owners are looking to clean and rehabilitate the property.

City Clerk Larkin presented Resolution 2024-3 with mow orders for properties in the city. Hastings made a motion to approve a revised version of the resolution. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Utilities Supervisor Report:

Utilities Supervisor Gumfory reported that he has been working on getting the street sweeper back up and running. He will need a new broom and parts for \$676.32. Council approved the purchase.

Utilities Supervisor Gumfory requested a replacement of the windshield on the back hoe at an amount of \$978 for the glass and \$150/hr to install. Repair was approved by the council.

Utilities Supervisor Gumfory reported that the meter for the T-building and the Community Building have been moved.

Utilities Supervisor Gumfory is going to work with Thom Kirk to address the drainage issues at State and Friend. He will also be asking the school to add diffusers to the end of their down spout pipes.

**Staff Policy and Relations:**

Councilmember Hastings requested that the City sponsor him attending the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference. Request approved by the council.

**Timecards**

Hastings made a motion to approve timecards and payroll checks 33131-33139 & 33140-33148, 22 Direct Deposits, 3 Electronic Payments for 2 payroll s. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

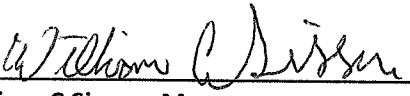
Hastings made a motion to approve overtime for 51 hours for 2 payrolls. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried.


**Consideration of Bills**

Hastings made a motion to approve checks 33151-33177 for accounts payable. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

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

  
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William C Sisson, Mayor

  
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Brianna Larkin, City Clerk