

City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes
March 3, 2025

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, Chris Carathers, Bill Kewley, Greg Campbell and Ryan Spinden, Utilities Supervisor Scott Gumfory, and City Clerk Bree Larkin, and City Attorney Stuart Symmonds.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Spinden made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025, meeting. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Guests:

Roland Haney updated the council on the status of the veterans' banners for 2025. The All Veterans committee would like to have the banners put up on May 19th and kept up through rodeo. There are 37 potential new locations for banners on Every poles throughout the county. They will be asking high school students for help in putting up and taking down the banners.

City Clerk Report:

Clerk Larkin presented the employee health insurance renewal. Spinden made a motion to renew employee health insurance with BlueCross BlueShield. Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Clerk Larkin presented an update on the county's new storm sirens. As of now they are waiting on funds to purchase the new sirens.

Clerk Larkin reported that a grant has been applied to provide AEDs for the community building and the new fair building.

Utilities Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Gumfory reported that he will be meeting to discuss this year's slurry sealing of roads in the upcoming weeks.

Old Business:

Clerk Larkin facilitated a conversation regarding the potential of a water rate increase. Conversation was tabled for a later meeting.

Clerk Larkin presented the calculations on the requested reduction of rent and utilities for Prairie PastTimes. After a brief discussion it was decided that there would be no reduction at this time. Spinden moved to deny the reduction request. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Clerk Larkin revisited an earlier conversation regarding the potential of a land bank. The council would like to wait until there is land to add to it. No action was taken.

Timecards

Hastings made a motion to approve timecards and payroll checks 33564-33564 , 7 Direct Deposits, 3 Electronic Payments. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hastings made a motion to approve overtime for 3 hours. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consideration of Bills

Hastings made a motion to approve checks 33550-33563 & 33566 for accounts payable. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Hastings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

William C. Sisson

William C Sisson, Mayor

Brianna Larkin, City Clerk