

City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes
May 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:00 in the Municipal meeting room.

Those present were Council members Pat Larkin, Chris Carathers, Mike Hastings, Bob Sturms, Bill Kewley, Mayor Buddy Sisson, City Clerk Bree Larkin, and Utilities Supervisor Scott Gumfory. City Attorney Laura Viar was not present.

Agenda

Hastings made a motion to approve the agenda. P. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes

P. Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022, meeting as they read. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

- No visitors were present

Mayor's Report:

- Letters have been sent to the groups that were present at the dam project meeting to put together a group to work on the restoration of the dam on the Cottonwood River.
- All deeds pertaining to the ownership of the dam will be ordered from the register of deeds.

City Clerk's Report

- B Larkin provided an update on the pathway lights between towns: The County has pledged \$32,400, Cottonwood Falls has pledged \$30,000, Strong City has pledged \$23,600, and the Kaltenbacher Charitable Trust has pledged \$80,000. The City of Cottonwood Falls will oversee the funds of the project and store the lights when delivered.
- B. Larkin presented a special event request for the Color Run to be put on by PATHs at Swope Park May 21, 2022. Request was approved.
- B. Larkin provided a building permit for solar panels at 300 Mulberry St – council approved.
- A question was brought forth about selling the limestone slabs at the city dump. Currently the city has elected not to sell them.
- The Council chose 3 finalists for the Broadway banner contest.
- B. Larkin provided 2 quotes for online bill payment and in office payment options. The council elected to go with Doxo for online payments and Square for in office payments. A test of this will be rolled out in June.
- The trash pick up at 115 Pine was discussed, waiting on council from the city attorney.
- B. Larkin presented ads to be run on The Wave as provided by Lisa Vega. Council approved the ads as presented.
- Meter read discrepancies were revisited – we will wait 2 months to see how the reads continue.

Utilities Supervisor

- Gumfory provided an update on the pool. It has been filled and is on schedule to open May 28, 2022
- Gumfory requested a purchase of rock be made to provide to residents for a fee, council approved.

- Gumfory reported that the citywide clean up day brought 51,000 lbs of trash.
- Gumfory requested the purchase of chemical to spray the area around the lagoons, will check with the county to see if we can contract with them for this work.
- Gumfory requested a replacement of the 15 year old weed eater, council approved.

Old Business:

- Pastor Dave Thomas will be asked to sit on the housing board to fill the vacancy left by Danny Riggs.

Timecards

Sturms made a motion to approve timecard and payroll checks 31400-31403, 31427-31428 and 3 Direct Deposits. Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sturms made a motion to approve overtime for 3.5 hours. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consideration of Bills

Sturms made a motion to approve checks 31404-31426 for accounts payable. P. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Sturms made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

William C Sisson, Mayor

Brianna Larkin, City Clerk