

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes**  
**April 15, 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 Bill Kewley, Mike Hastings, Greg Campbell, and Ryan Spinden, Utilities Supervisor Scott Gumfory, City Clerk Bree Larkin. City Attorney Stuart Symmonds and Council member Chris Carathers were not present.

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2024, meeting as they read. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Sisson presented an idea to help elderly and disabled residents with lawncare over the summer. The council suggested asking for volunteers and using the commodities income guidelines for the application. City Clerk Larkin will draft an application to include income and physical need.

**City Clerk Report:**

City Clerk Larkin presented a request from the Recreation Commission for sponsorship for the Fishing Derby. The council approved providing the same sponsorship as last year.

City Clerk Larkin presented a building permit request from Sue Ann Brown. Permit was approved by the council

City Clerk Larkin requested use of the bridge on June 7<sup>th</sup> for Riversuite on behalf of the Chase County Chamber of Commerce. Clerk Larkin will also contact BG Consultants to do the yearly inspection of the bridge.

**Utilities Supervisor Report:**

Utilities Supervisor Gumfory reported that the tornado siren at the courthouse has been repaired and that he is currently waiting on the cost of replacing the current siren and a maintenance contract. Gumfory will also investigate the options of generator and battery backup.

Supervisor Gumfory reported the people have increased the amount of non-permissible refuse at the burn dump. Council decided to start locking the dump again and have residents make appointments to access the dump. Clerk Larkin will make a post on Facebook regarding the change.

**Staff Policy and Relations:**

At 6:45 Hastings made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss potential new hires. Kewley seconded the motion. At 6:55 Council came out of executive session and it was proposed that Clerk Larkin would extend an employment offer to Larry Lawrence.

**Timecards**

Hastings made a motion to approve timecards and payroll checks 32934-32935, 6 Direct Deposits, 3 Electronic Payments. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hastings made a motion to approve overtime for 4.5 hours. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Bills**

Hastings made a motion to approve checks 32914-32933 for accounts payable. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Hastings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

  
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William C Sisson, Mayor

  
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Brianna Larkin, City Clerk