

City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes

July 1, 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, Bill Kewley, Chris Carathers, Greg Campbell, Ryan Spinden, Utilities Supervisor Scott Gumfory, City Clerk Bree Larkin, and City Attorney Stuart Symmonds.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Kewley made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2024, meeting as they read. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Guests:

Chelsea Harshman visited to request the city remove the trees at Bill North Courtyard that are dropping limbs onto her building. The city requested an itemized quote for the removal of trees before they approve. No action was taken.

Darin Neufeld presented the bid we received for the sidewalk portion of the ADA access project. Hastings made a motion to approve the bid received from Vogts-Parga. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Symmonds facilitated a discussion regarding the option of a city land bank. It was decided that further discussion will take place at the July 15 meeting. No action was taken.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sisson presented an idea regarding the option of adding a small monthly donation option to water bills if people would like. No action was taken.

City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Larkin presented an issue on behalf of Connie Baumgardner and the basement flooding issues when there are large rains. The council requested that the valve be serviced, and we will assess further needs at a later date.

City Clerk Larkin presented Ordinance 998 granting Evergy a franchise agreement. Hastings made a motion to approve the franchise agreement. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Larkin presented a quote for 3 new computers for the office and shop at a total of \$5,475.00. Kewley made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 new computers. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Larkin discussed a complaint that was received about the cats on Main Street and their feces. It was decided that City Clerk Larkin will send a notice to the owner of the house where the cats stay and notify them that they are responsible for the waste that their cats are leaving behind on public and private property as well as keeping the house free from noxious smells.

Utilities Supervisor Report:

Utilities Supervisor Gumfory reported that he had a plumber look at the sewer issues on Kaw. There are currently no issues with the city side of the sewer.

Timecards

Hastings made a motion to approve timecards and payroll checks 33047-33064, 12 Direct Deposits, 3 Electronic Payments. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hastings made a motion to approve overtime for 26 hours. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consideration of Bills

Hastings made a motion to approve checks 33065-33083 for accounts payable. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Hastings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.



William C Sisson, Mayor



Brianna Larkin, City Clerk