City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes October 2, 2023

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:02 in the Municipal meeting room.

Those present were Mayor Buddy Sisson, Council members Pat Larkin, Greg Campbell, Bill Kewley, and Mike Hastings, 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

P. Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023, meeting as they read. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Visitors:

Cindy Jensen attended the meeting to present the audit of the 2022 fiscal year. No major findings were noted.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sisson discussed some health and welfare checks for residents.

City Clerk Report

- B. Larkin presented Ordinance 993 outlining the new water rates. P. Larkin made a motion to approve the ordinance. Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- B. Larkin presented Ordinance 994 outlining the new solid waste rates. Hastings made a motion to approve the ordinance. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- B. Larkin reported the headway that has been made setting up a trap/neuter/return program in the city of feral cats.
- B. Larkin requested approval to attend year 2 of City Clerk Institute in Wichita at a cost of \$821 including lodging. Request approved by the council.

Utilities Supervisor Report

Gumfory reported that the City has begun street sweeping.

Gumfory discussed the interviews for new employees conducted on September 27. There was one employee we would like to hire. Council approved him and Gumfory will reach out to him.

Community Relations

P. Larkin requested a new water pump for Rick Fischer who has been volunteering to water our downtown plants. The council approved a reimbursement for his water pump.

Timecards

Hastings made a motion to approve timecards and payroll checks 32569-32582, 5 Direct Deposits, 3 Electronic Payments. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hastings made a motion to approve overtime for 5 hours. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consideration of Bills

Hastings made a motion to approve checks 32552-32568 for accounts payable. P. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Hastings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.