

## City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes

October 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:04 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. City Attorney Stuart Symmonds was not present.

### Agenda

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

### Minutes

Kewley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024, meeting as they read. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Guests

Sue and Monty Smith, owners of Calico Rose at 319 Broadway, attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the ADA sidewalk project. Sue stated that the work done was not the work she understood would be done and that she is disappointed in how much it raised the sidewalk in front of her business. The Smiths are concerned about the effect snow and rain and snow removal will have on the interior of their building. No action was taken.

Cindy Jensen presented an audit review to the council to be sent to the state treasurer. No major findings were found.

Darin Neufeld and Crystal Hinen presented updates on the ADA Sidewalk Project along with Pay application #1. Spinden made a motion to approve Pay Application #1. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Mayor Report:

Mayor Sisson reported that the PWWSD is raising its rates 1%. No action was taken.

### City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Larkin presented a special event request for a Food Truck Festival on November 9. Kewley made a motion to approve the special event permit. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote with Spinden abstaining due to conflict of interest.

City Clerk Larkin presented a building permit request for Donald and Deborah Bower. Request approved pending zoning committee approval.

City Clerk Larkin presented a request for a CMB license renewal for Dollar General. Kewley made a motion to approve the request. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Utilities Supervisor Report:

Utilities Supervisor Gumfory reported that he had the radiator on the trash truck repaired, but he is still having to add coolant, so will address it further.

### Street, Alley & Property Committee:

Cecil and Connie Butter are worried about the amount of dust being kicked up at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and the upcoming increased traffic when the lofts open at the Old School. It was decided that this stretch of road will be added to the paving plan for 2026.

**Timecards**

Hastings made a motion to approve timecards and payroll checks 33300-33301, 7 Direct Deposits, 3 Electronic. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Hastings made a motion to approve overtime for 4 hours. Carathers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Bills**

Hastings made a motion to approve checks 33302-33323 for accounts payable. Spinden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Hastings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Kewley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

  
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William C Sisson, Mayor

  
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Brianna Larkin, City Clerk