

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes**  
**April 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 7:00 p.m., April 6, 2015 at the municipal meeting room.

Those present were Mayor Boyce Baumgardner, Council Members Bob Sturms, Buddy Sisson, Bruce Wells and Carl Studer, Utilities Supervisor David Jones, City Clerk Tiffany Bohnen, and City Attorney Bob Brookens. Absent was Councilman Brian Groh.

**Agenda**

Sturms made a motion to approve the Agenda as corrected. Studer seconded, motion carried.

**Minutes**

Sturms motioned to approve minutes from March 16, 2015 as corrected. Studer seconded, motion carried with Wells abstaining.

**Scheduled Visitors**

Matthew Kohls, BG Consultants, Inc. gave the Council an update on the water project. The additional two blocks on Maple have been approved by KDHE pending Council approval of Change Order No. 1. Studer made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 with contractor APAC-Kansas, Inc. Shears Division, including all additions and deductions to the contract due to changes made in the field as well as the extra quantities due to that additional work along Maple Street. This is also including an increase in working days. Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Report**

The City has received a signed letter from the neighboring property owner of Tom and Mary Helen Bell accepting the variance requested.

**Mayor's Report**

None reported

**City Attorney's Report**

Bob Brookens suggested to the Council to look into having LKM update our code book and incorporate the ordinances that have not been included. Clerk Bohnen will contact LKM to get more information on the process.

**Utilities Supervisor**

Wells made a motion to authorize Jones to negotiate with Midway Motors Hillsboro to get the 2004 Chevy Silverado 4X4 under \$11,000. If price cannot be lowered, Jones is authorized to purchase the 2008 Chevy Silverado at \$11,277 contingent upon Cottonwood Valley Bank providing a Lease Purchase Agreement. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The plumbing has been installed in the Prairie PastTimes bathroom. Emporia Construction and Remodel will be doing the concrete work for a cost of \$685.

Jones updated the council on the status of the new radio system. He is currently waiting on frequency licensing to be completed by the FCC.

The elevator belt is broken on the street sweeper. Wells made a motion to authorize Jones to go to Fredonia to look at an Elgin Pelican street sweeper and using Jones' judgement on condition to authorize him to place a bid of up to \$5001. Carl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1.

The 2000 Sterling Trash Truck door was repaired last week. The city rented a truck for the 2 days that the City truck was out of service. The polycarts and dumpsters to be used for Strong City's trash service have arrived. The crew is working on getting them put together.

#### **Report from City Clerk**

Clerk Bohnen updated Council on the progress of the Twin Cities Garage Sale. Maps will be posted at Casey's. In previous years, maps have been placed at Subway or the Truck Stop but Subway is unable to place anything unless it has their logo on it. The Truck Stop has been contacted but the city is waiting for a response. Bohnen will check with the Post Office and the Courthouse.

The Millstream Motel & Resort will be hosting the Annual Earth Day Celebration on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Studer made a motion to approve providing one Port-A-Potty for this event. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Griffin Real Estate & Auction has requested to block off ½ of Broadway from Croy's, Inc. North to the end of the block. They would also like to request barricades to be provided by the City. Council unanimously approved the request.

Clerk Bohnen opened the sealed garage door bid. Sisson made a motion to accept Bill Gurney's bid for the 8' X 9' garage door in the amount of \$115. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Bohnen and Utilities Supervisor Jones would like to attend the 2015 Municipal Services Basics of Budgeting Workshop in Wichita on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The consensus of the Council is to register Bohnen and Jones for \$50/each for a total of \$100 to attend the workshop.

Studer made a motion to approve sending an invoice to Chase County Recreation Commission in the amount of \$2,469 for their portion of the insurance premium. This covers the lights & poles, fences, new Musco lighting system, and press box at the softball field with a total coverage amount of \$214,712. Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Removal of the trailer at 607 Maple will be done April 18<sup>th</sup> by Nate Passmore.

Bohnen has not received a response from Dorneker on the Health & Welfare nuisances at 401 8<sup>th</sup> St and 336 Pine.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Taxation:** None

**Utilities:** None

**Property:** None

**Equipment:** None

**Sidewalks & Beautification:** Sturms made a motion to contract with Coffelt Sign using 24 inch letters contingent upon Harshmans' declining to fabricate the new Swope Park Sign themselves. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The light pole near the sign placement may have to be altered in order for the new sign to be placed.

Recreation & Planning: None  
Staff Policy: None

Unscheduled Visitors: None

Old Business:

Time Cards:


Sturms motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 24223-24230. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to approve a total of 14.75 hrs overtime. Wells seconded, motion carried.

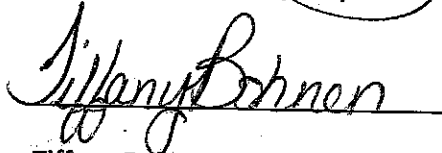
Accounts Payable

Sturms moved to approve checks 24220-24222 & 24231-24258. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Wells seconded, motion carried.

  
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Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor

  
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Tiffany Bohnen, City Clerk

