

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes
December 7, 2015**

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

Those present were Mayor Boyce Baumgardner, Council Members Buddy Sisson, Carl Studer, Bob Sturms, Shawn Taylor & Pat Larkin, City Attorney Laura Allen, Utilities Supervisor David Jones, and City Clerk Tiffany Bohnen.

Agenda

Sisson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Minutes

Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from November 16, 2015. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Sturms abstaining.

Scheduled Visitors

Mike Holder & Jon Weiss appeared before the Council to present a 10 year extension to the Chase County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The plan would allow for citizens that make home improvements that increase the assessed value at least \$10,000 or citizens that build a new home to receive a tax rebate. The rebate would last 5 years; the first year participants would receive 100% tax rebate, then 80%, 60%, 40%, 20% in the years thereafter. Sturms made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 960 amending a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and continuing a designated Neighborhood Revitalization Area. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

- Sisson made a motion to enter into a 10 minute executive session to discuss nonelected personnel at 7:27 p.m. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m. Sturms made a motion to give the City Employees a Christmas bonus. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sisson made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the engagement letter from Cosgrove, Webb & Oman for the proposed issuance of the Cottonwood Falls Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds for the Swimming Pool Project. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Highway Permit 2-15-177 has been approved by KDOT, granting permission to install a native limestone welcome marker on K-177 on the north edge of Cottonwood Falls. Council is currently waiting on estimates for the lettering of the sign.

City Attorney's Report

- Allen is waiting to receive the updated city boundaries from Geotech.

City Clerk's Report

- Clerk Bohnen has been proofreading the Code Book. She is requesting that each Council member read over it to look for any errors.
- Councilman Larkin agreed to discuss issues with Dorneker regarding the enforcement of the Dangerous Structures.
- Bohnen has received a request from KVOE to sponsor four regular season games. No action was taken.

- The Wave will be broadcasting the boys and girls basketball games on December 11th and February 12th. The cost per night is \$69 and includes 5-15 second ads in the girls and boys games. They will also be broadcasting the semi-final and final games, so if Chase County is in either of those rounds they would broadcast those as well. Larkin made a motion to approve sponsoring the 2 regular season games and the Flint Hills Shootout, if the Bulldogs play in the semi-finals and/or final games at \$69 per night. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Project Leaders:

Sisson:

None

Studer:

- None

Larkin:

- The Christmas lights are installed on Broadway. A few minor changes have been made to assure the lights are working properly. The community really stepped forward and the Council was overwhelmed by the amount of participation. No city funds were necessary to fund the project.
- The council reached a consensus to order a string of lights to sample stringing the wreaths on the light poles with the lights.

Sturms:

- Council would like to each have a copy of the employee handbook to review.

Taylor:

- The Chase Disc Golf t-shirts were ordered and several have already been sold.
- Taylor has been working on getting the logo registered nationwide.
- Council would like to get more involvement from the citizens that will be taking advantage of the course. They would like to draw in the younger crowd and get them more involved.

Planning Commission Report

- None

Utilities Supervisor Report

- Jones is waiting on the paperwork from the dealer to purchase a 2008 Kenworth trash truck. The trash truck is set up and ready to be used.
- The city crew has been working on the maintenance of the sewer grounds.

Unscheduled Visitors:

Old Business:

Time Cards:

Sturms motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 24965-24973 dated 11/25/15. Studer seconded, motion carried.

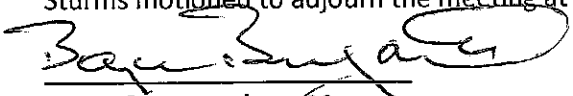
Sturms motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 24980-24987 dated 12/11/15. Studer seconded the motion, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to approve a total of 41.5 hrs overtime. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Sturms moved to approve checks 24974-24979 & 24988-25016. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Studer seconded, motion carried.



Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor



Tiffany R. Bohnen, City Clerk

