

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes  
February 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 7:00 p.m., February 15, 2016 at the municipal meeting room.

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

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

Sturms made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2016. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Scheduled Visitors**

- Paul Jones appeared before Council to request the fees be waived for the rental of the community building on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 am-1 pm. The community building will be used to host a soup/chili lunch to raise funds for a CCJSHS Veterans Memorial Scholarship sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team. Studer made a motion to waive the rental fee. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Jennifer Laird appeared before Council requesting funding from the City of Cottonwood Falls for the Independence Day Celebration Fund. The County resolution has been altered to allow for government entities to designate their donation towards certain aspects of the Independence Day celebration. The resolution also states that the first \$3,500 donated will be spent on fireworks and any additional funds raised up to \$1,500, but not exceeding \$1,500, could be spent on a band, hotdogs, and other events to bring the community together. In October 2015, Sturms made a motion to challenge the community to raise \$3,500 for fireworks and then the city will donate an additional \$1,500 to also be used for fireworks. Larkin seconded the motion and the motion was carried. No further action was taken.
- The Potters' were unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Baumgardner will contact Enforcing Officer Dorneker.

**Enforcing Officer**

- Clerk Bohnen will contact Dorneker about the inspection needed at 521 Union.
- Mayor Baumgardner has spoken with the owner of the boats parked in the vacant lot and the owner stated that the boats being parked there is only temporary and the boats should be out by late spring/early summer. A letter will be drafted to the concerned citizen that issued the complaint.

**Mayor's Report**

- An email was received by the city regarding the Homestead Affordable Housing project asking the city to approve a Resolution supporting and approving the development of 2 four-plex buildings meeting LEED and Energy Star 3 certifications, and the historic rehabilitation of the limestone grade school building at 401 Maple. At this time, the zoning does not allow for multiple family units. No action was taken.

- Mayor Baumgardner met with Mike Holder, County Extension Agent, regarding the planting of trees at Swope Park. Taylor made a motion to engage Nate Passmore to plant as many trees as possible in an 8 hour time at a rate of \$100 per hour. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sturms made a motion to enter into a 20 minute executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m. No action was taken.
- The drinking fountain to be placed at Broadway and Main has been delivered and will be installed this spring.
- Rick Entz, Cooper Malone McClain, Inc. has been in touch with Mayor Baumgardner regarding the pool renovation project.
- The limestone welcome marker on the South end of town is scheduled to be placed the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **City Attorney's Report**

- Sisson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 961, allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages within designated areas of Swope Park. Alcohol will still be prohibited within the fenced in area of the pool or buildings attached thereto and on or around the ball fields when the ball fields are being used by players under the age of 21 for a school-related or other scheduled event. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **City Clerk's Report**

- Chapter 4 of the Code Book will be reviewed and discussed at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Clerk Bohnen will contact Janis Meyer from Wright CPA Group regarding the engagement letter previously presented to the Council. Council would like to have the rates listed within the engagement letter. No further action was taken.
- Sisson made a motion to send Clerk Bohnen to Municipal Finance Training in Pratt on March 11<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$75. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Project Leaders:**

##### **Sisson:**

- None

##### **Studer:**

- None

##### **Larkin:**

- None

##### **Sturms:**

- Clerk Bohnen will have Enforcing Officer Dorneker inspect a shed at 514 6<sup>th</sup> St. for a possible dangerous structure.

##### **Taylor:**

- Taylor received a few more donations for the Chase Disc Golf Course. Taylor has sponsors that have requested tee boxes or baskets that have yet to turn in their donation.

#### **Planning Commission Report**

- Sisson made a motion to approve a building permit at 621 Elm St. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Utilities Supervisor Report**

- Jones ordered 2 new pumps for the lift stations for a total of \$3,800. The city now has one on hand in case of emergencies.
- The city crew has been busy working on the disc golf course and replacing broken meter pits around town.

- The new trash truck has been delivered and the vinyl logo has been installed on it and the City truck.
- Jones would like to begin the process of having new Water System Maps and hopes to have them completed in 2016.

**Unscheduled Visitors:**

**Old Business:**

**Time Cards:**

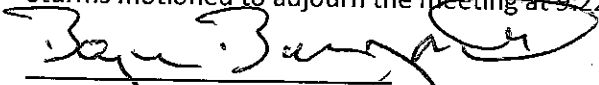
Sturms motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 25193-25201. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to approve a total of 15 hrs overtime. Studer seconded, motion carried.

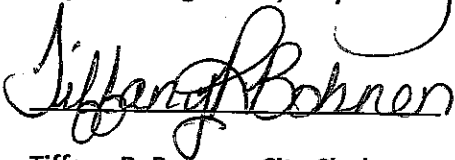
**Accounts Payable**

Sturms moved to approve checks 25170-25192. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Studer seconded, motion carried.



Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor



Tiffany R. Bohnen, City Clerk

