

City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes
March 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 7:00 p.m., March 16, 2015 at the municipal meeting room.

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

Agenda

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

Minutes

Groh motioned to approve minutes from March 2, 2015. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Streets

Utilities Supervisor David Jones presented Council with a street repair project update. If the County is to do the repairs, the city would pay the County the cost of materials and approximately \$1000 in fuel costs. The City Crew would sweep the streets prior to the County doing the street repairs.

Scheduled Visitors

Cody Williams, representing APAC, also presented council with a rough estimate of the street repairs, including the asphalt work that is also projected to be done.

After discussing the options, Council decided to get separate bids, one for chip & seal plus asphalt, one for chip & seal only, and one for asphalt only. They also plan to bid out the whole project by street and priority. This enables Council to eliminate some of the streets bid out should the project go over the budget of \$85,000-\$90,000. Mayor Baumgardner recommended that Council go out and examine the streets to have a better understanding of the need for the street repairs.

Matthew Kohls, BG Consultants, Inc. gave the Council an update on the water project. A final inspection will be done on March 19. Studer made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 9 for APAC-Kansas, Inc., Shears Division in the amount of \$105,003.50 for work performed in general conformance with project specifications through February 18, 2015. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Groh abstaining. Sturms made a motion to approve Payment Request No. 21 for KDHE Disbursement of Funds in the amount of \$107,568.50 for period from February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Groh abstaining. Sisson made a motion to approve the Loan Recipient Compliance Assurance with Respect to Davis Bacon Minimum Wage Requirements for Payment Request No. 21 for period from February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Groh abstaining.

Kohls also presented estimates for the water line installation on Maple from 3rd to 5th St. The council unanimously agreed to install the water line on the East side of the road.

Planning Commission Report

Studer made a motion to approve a variance on a building permit submitted by Tom & Mary Helen Bell, with the condition that the City receives a signed letter from the neighboring property owner accepting the variance. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

When the City Office receives a building permit, Bohnen will email it to the council before sending it to the Planning Commission to be approved.

Mayor's Report

Studer made a motion to approve the Lease Purchase Agreement to purchase dumpsters and polycarts with Cottonwood Valley Bank for \$18,000 with a 2 year term for approximately \$700/month. Groh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Groh made a motion to approve Resolution No 2015-3 to enter into an agreement with Cottonwood Valley bank to purchase polycarts and dumpsters. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Attorney's Report

None reported

Utilities Supervisor

Jones presented options for purchasing a truck for City use. The consensus of the council is for Jones to search for more used truck options, staying around \$11,000.

Progress is being made on the Prairie PastTimes bathroom remodel. A quote was received from Plumbing by Spellman, Inc. for a total cost of \$10,562. However, this includes some items that have already been completed by the City Crew. Council asked Jones to research other options.

Jones updated the council on the status of the new radio system. Jones is currently waiting on authorization from FCC approval for use of the tower at the sheriff's department. The consensus of the council is to place a tower at the shop to forego the regulatory issues and get the radios in place as soon as possible.

Jones and Matt Markley will be attending a Chip/Seal class on March 23rd.

Report from City Clerk

Clerk Bohnen reminded Council that the City Wide Garage Sale is usually held the weekend before the City Wide Cleanup. Studer will head up the City Wide Garage Sale.

Bohnen and Bookkeeper Debbie Bower attended the CCMFOA Conference in Wichita March 11-13th.

The Starkey Well Lease has been paid for 2014 and 2015.

Bohnen presented council with an update on the dangerous structures. Sturms has notified Salenders' that the city intends to remove the trailer at 607 Maple. Bohnen will write a letter to follow up. Nate Passmore is expecting to remove the trailer the week of April 13th. The consensus of the council is to waive the bond that the Council had previously requested of Passmore.

Sturms made a motion to send Dorneker, enforcement officer, or his designee, to 401 8th St and 336 Pine for Health and Welfare checks. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bohnen will order a Dangerous Structures manual produced by LKM in the amount of \$35.

Groh made a motion to pay Judge Jones' annual municipal judge dues to Kansas Municipal Judge's Association in the amount of \$25. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Taxation: None

Utilities: None

Property: Studer reported that there has been no change to the property at 409 Cherry. Studer also reported that he has seen no sign of improvement at the lot next to 712 4th St. Questions were raised as to whether the alley in Block 24 has been vacated.

Equipment: None

Sidewalks & Beautification: The Swope Park Sign project is currently waiting to hear from Westar Energy regarding the power lines over the top of the sign.

Recreation & Planning: None

Staff Policy: None

Unscheduled Visitors: None

Old Business: Garage door bids will be extended to April 3rd. The ad will run in the Chase County Leader News for 2 more weeks.

Time Cards:

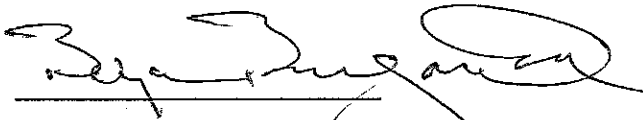
Groh motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 24189-24197. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Groh motioned to approve a total of 23 hrs. Overtime. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Groh moved to approve checks 24157-24188 with 24182 being voided. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Studer seconded, motion carried.



Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor



Tiffany Bohnen, City Clerk

