

City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes
March 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 7:00 p.m., March 7, 2016 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, and City Clerk Tiffany Bohnen. Absent was Utilities Supervisor David Jones.

Agenda

Sturms made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Sisson seconded, motion carried.

Minutes

Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2016. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on March 1, 2016. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scheduled Visitors

- Representatives from the Chase County Junior Senior High School Prom Committee appeared before Council to request blocking off Broadway from Friend St. to the courthouse to take photos for Promenade on April 2nd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. After discussion, Council agreed to block off the street from Keller's Feed & Wine to the Courthouse. The Sheriff's department also agreed to be there to help with any traffic issues and to put up the barricades for the City Crew.
- Charley Klamm presented council with his idea to raise money for a roof for the Chase County Historical Society. Klamm plans on driving his antique tractor down each street of Cottonwood Falls blowing his whistle to request donations the end of April or the beginning of May. He plans on advertising in the newspaper, radio, etc. The consensus of the council is to allow Mr. Klamm to perform the fundraiser.
- Gary Potter, owner of 336 Pine, appeared before Council to discuss what needs to be done to remove the structure from the Dangerous Structure list. Enforcing Officer Dorneker recommended the City follow the recommendations of John Maddox, the contractor that inspected the property. The Southeast addition will need to be removed and the main house would need to be tuck pointed. Mr. Potter was given a deadline of April 2nd to make the necessary repairs. The RV Trailer will be moved prior to that deadline. Mr. Potter will also attend the April 4th meeting to update the Council on the repairs.
- Tom Bishop, Executive Director of Homestead Affordable Housing, came before Council to answer any questions and ask that the Council consider passing the resolution regarding the project at the old Schoolhouse. The development will be new construction in two four-plex buildings meeting LEED and Energy Star 3 certifications, and the historic rehabilitation of the limestone grade school building at 401 Maple. Bishop would like to have the bond counsel come to speak to Counsel to answer any questions Council may have regarding the issuance of the bonds. The resolution would only be one step in the issuance of the bonds. Sturms made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-2 supporting and approving the development of the Homestead Affordable Housing Project and agreeing to consider issuing taxable bonds providing

for 10 year property tax abatement under the Kansas IRB statute. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Larkin made a motion to accept Bishop's statement regarding the liability concerns held by the Council of the issuance of the bonds. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Enforcing Officer

- Dorneker met with the owner of 521 Union. The owner has a new door and roofing materials that will be used to replace the existing this spring as weather permits. Larkin made a motion to have the enforcing officer do an inspection on 521 Union. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held regarding ATVs in the park. No action was taken.
- Larkin made a motion to move forward with the purchase of 5 security cameras to be placed on Broadway St., spending up to \$3,000. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

- A joint meeting will be held with Rick Ensz and the proposed Public Building Commission members to review and approve the paperwork to establish the Public Building Commission, the entity that will take the pool project forward, and the official appointment of its members.
- The base stone is set on the south side of town for the new welcome marker.

City Attorney's Report

- Discussion was held regarding the transition of moving to November elections. No action was taken.
- Studer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 962 changing the due dates set by Ordinance No. 938 of the water bills to bill at the same time as PWWSD and the City of Strong City, making it easier to monitor the purchase and sales of water. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Clerk's Report

- Sturms made a motion to sign the 2016 engagement letter with Janis Meyer from Wright CPA Group presented to council. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The city has received a thank you letter from the Chase County Historical Society for the donation for the roof.
- Sturms made a motion to allow Clerk Bohnen to attend budget training in June for a cost of \$60. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Clerk Bohnen informed Council that the City has two City Employees that will have 20 years of service this year. The consensus of the Council is to show appreciation by providing a gift at their 20 year anniversary.
- Clerk Bohnen has received a request from a resident to be put on the 80/20 Sidewalk list. No action was taken.

Project Leaders:

Sisson:

- None

Studer:

- None

Larkin:

- None

Sturms:

- None

Taylor:

- Taylor would like to have a Disc Golf Tournament as the ground breaking ceremony in Mid-May.

- The logo is not yet complete.

Planning Commission Report

- Sturms made a motion to approve a building permit at 302 Oak. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Utilities Supervisor Report

- The water system mapping is scheduled for late spring or early summer through Kansas Rural Water Association.
- All of the stones are in place at the Disc Golf Course. The crew has been finishing up the kiosk for hole #1 and the dirt work.
- The crew is continuing to replace broken meter pits around town.
- The crew has started to go through some of the startup and run procedures along with some troubleshooting at the PWWSD Water Plant.

Unscheduled Visitors:

Old Business:

Time Cards:

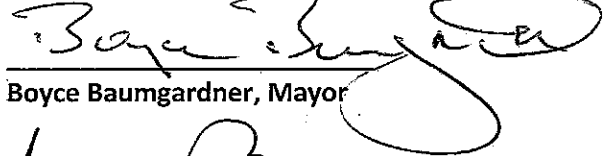
Sturms motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 25204-25211. Sisson seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to approve a total of 17 hrs overtime. Sisson seconded, motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Sturms moved to approve checks 25203 & 25212-25250. Larkin seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Larkin seconded, motion carried.



Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor



Tiffany R. Bohnen, City Clerk

