

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes  
September 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 7:00 p.m., September 21, 2015 at the municipal meeting room.

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

**Agenda**

Larkin made a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Sturms seconded, motion carried.

**Minutes**

Sturms motioned to approve the amended minutes from September 8, 2015. Studer seconded, motion carried.

**Scheduled Visitors**

- Larkin made a motion to approve the liquor license application for Keller Feed & Wine Company effective September 21, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2015. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Matthew Kohls, BG Consultants, Inc., presented Council with project options, including price estimates. Larkin made a motion to approve the CDBG project to include: asphalt, base, curb & gutter on Union Street from Hwy 177 to East Side of Oak St, excluding the Elm St Intersection, 5<sup>th</sup> Street from East Side of Cedar Street to West Side of Maple Street, and 10 intersection valley gutters. These would include Cherry at Pearl, north and south intersections, Mulberry at 1<sup>st</sup>, west intersection, Cedar at 3<sup>rd</sup>, east intersection, Cedar at 2<sup>nd</sup>, east intersection, Cedar at 1<sup>st</sup>, east and west intersections, Cedar at Union, south intersection, Maple at 3<sup>rd</sup>, south intersection, and Oak at 3<sup>rd</sup>, south intersection. The total estimated cost of this project would be \$560,025; with the maximum grant money available is \$400,000. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Larkin made a motion to approve signing a contract with BG Consultants, Inc. to provide engineering services and support for the KDOT Grant Brick Street Improvement Project on Pearl St. for a lump sum fee of \$6,500. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with a vote of 3-1, with Studer opposing.
- Sisson made a motion to hire Governmental Assistance Services (G.A.S.) as the administrator to prepare the CDBG grant and submit it, contingent upon the grant being awarded to the City of Cottonwood Falls. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

- Eric McCabe is hoping to get a sketch of the layout of the Disc Golf Course to the Council within the next couple of weeks.
- Aquatic Designs and Rick Ensz, Cooper Malone McClain, Inc. are working together to bring two proposals to the pool committee for review with the goal being to have it on the ballot April 19, 2016.
- Ponca Products, Inc came and measured the west side of the community building for a new awning.

- Mayor Baumgardner and Sheriff Dorneker have been discussing putting security cameras on Broadway St at two locations.
- A Cottonwood Falls citizen would like to donate a limestone rock for one of the welcome markers to be placed at the city limits. The city would be responsible for the cost of the lettering, the movement of the rock, and the footing to hold the rock.

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

- Allen has met with the previous City Attorney, Bob Brookens, regarding the city boundaries. She will get in touch with Steve Broesmer, GeoTech, for more information.
- Mayor Baumgardner asked Allen to report on the Life Center in Council Grove. According to Allen, the Center is a non-profit organization with a daycare, educational area, outside fenced in play area, infant care, exercise room for members, aerobic room, swimming lap pool, full size gym, and a racquetball court. Allen will get more information into how the center was funded.

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

- Clerk Bohnen has sent notices to property owners of 105 Elm St and 220 7<sup>th</sup> St setting the hearing date for the Dangerous Structures on November 2, 2015. Council is still waiting on an inspection by a contractor for the foundation at 336 Pine St. Some progress has been made at 712 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- Certificate of Deposit #'s 14577 and 14559 are set to renew on October 9, 2015. Discussion was tabled.

#### **Project Leaders:**

##### **Sisson:**

- Sisson will check on purchasing a new cab & chassis for a trash truck and then buying a box to place on it. Sisson will continue to search for options.
- PWWSD is back on schedule and the water plant should be completed in December.

##### **Studer:**

- Discussion was held on lighting from the river bridge to Strong City. The County is researching grant options for lighting between Cottonwood Falls and Strong City.
- The city crew has put a culvert in at Swope Park to help with the roads.
- The zoning signs are done at Kansas Graphics and are ready to be picked up. The City crew will put the signs up.
- Studer has been working with the County to find a solution to the recycling. The rate the City quoted the County was \$150/trip.

##### **Larkin:**

- Larkin has received a few bids for the renovation of the community building. He is hoping to present those bids at the next meeting.
- Larkin has also priced Christmas lights to be placed on Broadway St. LED lights with 9" spacing, running from Main to the Courthouse on both sides of Broadway would cost approximately \$7500. Larkin will check with the local businesses to see if there is an interest in putting lights on their buildings.

##### **Sturms:**

- Sturms and Utilities Supervisor Jones will make a list of projects to be completed at Bates Grove Park to clean it up.

- Sturms is waiting until a design for the Disc Golf Course has been presented before working on the relocation or addition to the RV Park.
- Sturms will meet with the employees to begin updating the Employee Handbook.
- Sisson made a motion to donate \$50 to the Drug Free Action Team for the Fall Festival held at the community building on October 31, 2015. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Planning Commission Report

Sisson made a motion to approve the building permit for 713 Sycamore St. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Utilities Supervisor Report

- Sisson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2" trash pump for \$1290.57. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sisson made a motion to approve the purchase of four new tires from Dieker Oil, Inc for the skid loader. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The City Crew has started the dumpster pads for the dumpsters at the ball fields.
- The City Crew has started asphalt work on Union St. Jones, Matthew Kohls, and Brett B'Hymer have met to discuss the properties that need reseeded after the water project. Groh & Sons are still working on the roof of the Municipal Building. Jones would like to remove the antennae located next to the municipal building.

#### Unscheduled Visitors:

#### Old Business:

#### Time Cards:

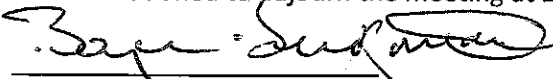
Sturms motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 24771-24780. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to approve a total of 13.25 hrs overtime. Studer seconded, motion carried.

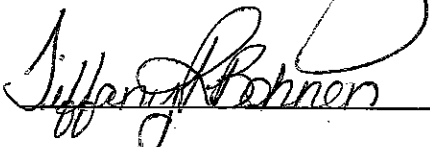
#### Accounts Payable

Sturms moved to approve checks 24781-24800. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Sturms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Studer seconded, motion carried.



Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor



Tiffany Bohnen, City Clerk

