

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes
February 6, 2017**

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m., February 6, 2017 at the municipal meeting room. Those members present were Mayor Boyce Baumgardner, Council Members Bob Sturms, Carl Studer, Pat Larkin, and Buddy Sisson, City Attorney Laura Allen, City Clerk Tiffany Bohnen and Utilities Supervisor David Jones. Shawn Taylor was not present.

Guests: Rick Ensz and Steve Schlup

Agenda

Sturms made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Minutes

Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from January 16, 2017. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on January 23, 2017. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scheduled Visitors

- Rick Ensz, Vice President of Cooper Malone McClain, Inc. met with Council to evaluate the financing necessary to fund a new swimming pool to replace the existing pool. No action taken.

Planning Commission Report

- Planning Commission will meet next Tuesday and plan to meet twice a month.
- The Commission has been working on a plan for cleaning up blighted properties.

Mayor's Report

- Studer made a motion to enter into a 30 minute executive session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Sturms seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Returned to regular session at 8:00 p.m.
- Sturms made a motion to allow the mayor to negotiate a contract to purchase approximately 3 acres for a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Baumgardner went over the 2017 goals set at the planning and goal setting meeting on January 23rd.
- Sisson made a motion to contract a local carpenter to reside and reroof the little white building at no more than \$3500. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- An excavator has been rented to remove the log jam beginning on February 10th.
- Baumgardner suggested forming a committee to discuss the enforcing officer and our expectations to meet with officials from Strong City. Sturms and Sisson will serve on the CWF committee along with Mayor Baumgardner.
- Sturms made a motion to approve the following 2017 Appointments:
 - City Clerk, Tiffany Bohnen
 - City Attorney, Laura Allen
 - Municipal Judge, Doug Jones
 - Municipal Court Clerk, Barb Davis
 - Official City Newspaper, Chase County Leader News
 - Official City Depositories, Cottonwood Valley Bank & Citizens State Bank
 - President of Council, Buddy Sisson
 - Treasurer, Cindy Kelsheimer

Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Utilities Supervisor Report

- The sewer lagoon inspection was done on January 19th. Jones has not received the report yet.
- The lighting for the south welcome sign is done for the City's side of the sign. Jones is waiting for other side to be installed before doing the lighting on the North side.
- Jones spoke to Jay Scott about the State St waterline. The project is projected to take 2 to 3 days and is scheduled to begin February 7th.

City Clerk's Report

- Sisson made a motion to approve the Emergency Response Plan. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Larkin made a motion to approve the sig page advertising package for 2017. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sisson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-3 establishing and defining the boundaries of the City of Cottonwood Falls. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sisson made a motion to approve a donation to Project Graduation in the amount of \$250. Larkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Blue Cross Insurance Renewal was reviewed by Council. Consensus to allow the policy to renew.
- Maddox will begin work on the municipal building flooring February 10th. The City Crew will have the room cleared and the carpet removed.

Project Leaders

- Studer announced his resignation from the City Council after 6 years of service. His last meeting will be February 20th. Sturms made a motion to accept Studer's resignation. Sisson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unscheduled Visitors:

- None

Old Business:

Time Cards:

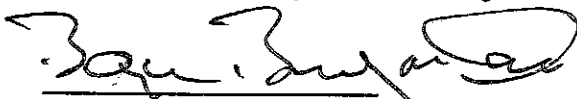
Sturms motioned to approve timecards and payroll checks 26157-26163. Studer seconded. Motion carried. Sturms motioned to approve a total of 4 hrs overtime. Studer seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

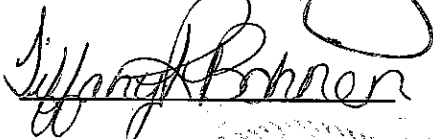
Sturms moved to approve checks 26156 and 26164 through 26197. Studer seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Sturms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Studer seconded. Motion carried.



Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor



Tiffany R. Bohnen, City Clerk

