City of Cottonwood Falls Council Minutes / Special Meeting September 29, 2016

A special meeting of the City Council of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:05 p.m., September 29, 2016 at 101 Broadway St. to discuss the potential zoning and building requirements for tiny homes.

Those present were Mayor Boyce Baumgardner, Council Members Pat Larkin, Shawn Taylor and Carl Studer. Also present was Planning Commission members Ron Scott, Steve Schlup and Mike Spinden. City Clerk Tiffany Bohnen and City Attorney Laura Allen were also present. Absent were Councilman Buddy Sisson and Bob Sturms and Planning Commission members Mike Schrater, Chuck Maggard and Cody Tastove.

Mayor Baumgardner has reached out to surrounding cities to inquire about their zoning and building requirements for these types of homes.

Larkin presented Council and Planning Commission with a draft of possible amendments to the Residential Zoning Code. These included building materials, minimum dimensions, and minimum square footage. The residence would need to be connected to the city water system, the city sewer system, have permanent electrical service and be placed on a permanent foundation.

Any residence on wheels or skids must be located in the designated area for mobile homes.

Larkin made a motion to have the City Attorney revise the Building Code to set a minimum square footage of 500 sq. ft. and to work with Larkin to devise a set of standards for the new buildings. Studer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larkin made a motion to approve Building Permit No. 2016-8 allowing for the construction of a 384 sq. ft home at the address known at 421 Plum. No new building permits will be accepted for new construction homes until the ordinance has been revised. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Special joint meeting with the City Council and the Planning Commission will be held on October 17th at 5 p.m. in the Cottonwood Falls Council Room to review the revised ordinance that Allen will present.

Larkin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Studer seconded, motion carried.

Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor

Tiffany Bohnen, City Clerk