

**City of Cottonwood Falls Council
Minutes / Special Meeting
March 1, 2016**

A special meeting of the City Council of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 12:00 p.m., March 1, 2016 at the Grand Central Hotel meeting room for the purpose of discussing the Homestead Affordable Housing Project.

Those present were Mayor Boyce Baumgardner, Council Members Bob Sturms, Pat Larkin, Shawn Taylor and Carl Studer. Also present was Planning Commission members; Chuck Maggard, Ron Scott, Cody Tastove and Mike Spinden. City Clerk Tiffany Bohnen was also present. Guests present were Tom Bishop, Executive Director of Homestead Affordable Housing, and Leann Coester. Absent was Councilman Buddy Sisson and Planning Commission members Steve Schlup and Mike Schrater.

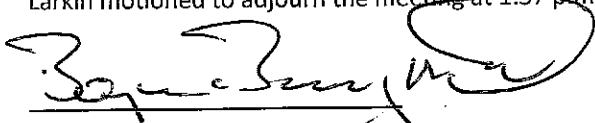
Bishop provided information to the Council and Planning Commission of the application sent in to Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for Housing Tax Credits and HOME grant funds to develop senior affordable units in the historic school building and two new proposed four-plex buildings on Lot 3. The application was submitted by Bishop on February 5th without the required resolution and before the required zoning changes had been accomplished.

In order for the Homestead Affordable Housing project to move forward a resolution showing support of the housing project will need to be approved by the City and the City must advocate for the Senior Housing development. Lot 3 zoning will also need to accommodate for 24 multi-family units.

Council would like for the City Attorney to review and advise the Council regarding the proposed resolution. Mayor Baumgardner will also contact Rick Ensz, Vice President of Cooper Malone McClain, Inc, for clarification on the issuance of taxable bonds for 10 year property tax abatement under the Kansas IRB statute and what if any liability the City will have as far as redemption. Also, what the revenue stream for payment of the bonds will be.

After discussion, the Council and Planning Commission reached a consensus to move forward with the four-plex plan and to look into the zoning of Lot 3.

Larkin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m. Studer seconded, motion carried.



Boyce Baumgardner, Mayor



Tiffany Bohnen, City Clerk

