

## AUGUST 5, 2025 MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Cottonwood City Council was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 7pm, in the City Office with Corey Moseng, Mike Horner, Shannon Geihl, and Shawn Myers present. Also, present was City Administrator, Teather Bliss; Administrative Assistant, Katie Ewing; Public Works Supervisor, Allen Olsen; and Sheriff, Eric Wallen. Absent was Joel Dahl.

Corey Moseng called the meeting to order and led in the Flag Pledge.

The council reviewed the minutes from the July 22, 2025 meeting.

A motion by Shawn Myers to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried.

The council reviewed the following consent agenda:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025\_0805**

#### **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE COTTONWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cottonwood is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens, and is specifically authorized to accept gifts.

**WHEREAS**, *Abby Vandelanotte* has offered to contribute the amount of *One Hundred Dollars* to the Cottonwood Fire Department.

**WHEREAS**, the terms or conditions apply to the donations, if any, are as follows; *on behalf of Kevin Sharkey*.

**WHEREAS**, all such donations have been contributed to the city for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used to establish and/or operate services either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law.
2. The city clerk is hereby directed to issue receipts to each donor acknowledging the city's receipt of the donor's donation.

A motion by Mike Horner to approve Resolution 2025\_0805. Seconded by Shawn Myers. Carried.

Bliss presented the follow-up for the following:

Rain's Property: a discussion was had about the current status and the council requested that Bliss ask to be put, Rain's Property, on the next County Board meeting agenda.

AMI Readings: At the last meeting 07/22/2025 the council requested an update as to how many were not reading at the end of the month and at the time of the next meeting 08/05/2025. There were about 150 that did not read on the day of the readings, and 110 that currently have not read TD. With that the council would like another update on the AMI readings at the second meeting in August. An external antenna is coming but will not be shipped out until end of August. That was initially supposed to come with the equipment when it was first set up, but no one has ever seen it. Therefore, the council will not pay for the external antenna that is expected to arrive at the end of the month.

Northwood Drive Traffic Data: Bliss compiled the data that was collected from the speed sign from 07/08/2025 to 07/16/2025. The data will be made public via Facebook.

Sheriff Wallen presented the July report.

Wallen attended the CCHD meeting and gave a follow-up to the council.

Olsen presented the Public Works report:

Maguire Iron will be out to clean the big water tower on 08/12/2025. There were some problems that arose when they came out to clean the inside of the big water tower set for 07/24/2025. They did not show up the day they were supposed to and Al expressed his frustration with Kurt, from Maguire Iron and the fact that 120,000 gallons of water were dumped into the lake due to them not showing up and needing to have the water tower empty for when they came. Kurt claimed he would make it right. The council would like Bliss to invoice accordingly.

Olsen contacted DSC to see if they could send someone to come look and test the water meter antenna and check the sirens that keep going off randomly, Northwood and the water tower. The new antenna for the water meters is scheduled to ship out on 08/29/2025.

Interstate Power was out and did an inspection on the Northwood generator, everything checked out in working order. They suspect we had an issue with our pump, which the start capacitor was replaced prior to their arrival and the engine would overheat, so the heater was replaced also. They did notice oil dripping, probably from not running long enough. Olsen ran it for 3 hours and it cleared up.

There were some speed limit signs on Northwood Drive that were replaced.

Nehemiah's Construction gave the City two quotes, both where hydrants were replaced: 1<sup>st</sup> for curb and sidewalk repair by English Lutheran Church for \$1,550. 2<sup>nd</sup> for curb and sidewalk replacement on Fifth Street for \$5,550.

A motion by Mike Horner to approve up to \$7,100 for the total cost of sidewalk and curb repairs. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried.

On Thursday 08/07/2025 a hydrant will be replaced on Shoreview Drive (by Mack's home). A notice will be sent to residents tomorrow to notify them of the no water use.

Olsen asked if spraying for mosquitos should be continued twice a week and the council approved for August.

The council reviewed the Ambulance July Meeting Minutes.

Bliss presented an update on the SCDP and RLF financials as of July 2025.

A consideration to approve a special event permit for Samantha Wee to host a benefit at Community Center.

A motion by Shannon Geihl to approve the special event permit for Samantha Wee, except for Front Street to be left open to traffic. Seconded by Mike Horner. Carried.

The council requested something be done about the number of residents blowing their grass clippings towards the roads.

The council reviewed the bills totaling \$36,681.83.

A motion by Shawn Myers to pay the bills totaling \$36,681.83. Seconded by Mike Horner. Carried.

Reminder that the Truth and Taxation will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

The Developer's Agreement for the EDA is being reviewed.

A motion by Shawn Myers to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried at 7:42pm.