

City of Coolidge
Council Meeting
Official Minutes

May 14, 2024
6:30 PM

The City of Coolidge regularly scheduled Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane H. Causey at 6:30 P.M.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by City Manager Don Cole.

Approve April 2, 2024, Workshop Minutes:

Motion-F. Johnson; Second-Braswell; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve April 2, 2024, Investigating Committee Meeting Minutes:

Motion-F. Johnson; Second-Braswell; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve 18, 2024, Investigating Committee Meeting Minutes:

Motion-F. Johnson; Second-Braswell; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve April 18, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion-Leger; Second-F. Johnson; Gentry-aye; Braswell-aye; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Speaker Appearance:

Linda Smith – A Citizens Perspective on Issues Coolidge is currently facing:

- * Lack of citizen participation at meetings
- * Keeping citizens informed – City Website
- * New City Charter – Roles and responsibilities of Mayor, City Manager, Council, and Staff
- * Council unity and making informed decisions
- * Dog issue – needs to be handled faster
- * Social Media Policy – needs to be finalized and move forward
- * Need more businesses and events
- * Ordinances need to be enforced and revised to coincide with the new Charter
- * Council Retreat Action Items – Need to meet timelines
- * Invite local Pastors to meetings to lead the Prayer and Invocation
- * Improve acoustics in Council Room so people watching by live-stream on Facebook can hear

Thomas County Animal Control:

Must be rescheduled due to Animal Control not being notified of the meeting tonight by Chuck McDonald. Rescheduled for Workshop, June 4, 2024, 5:30 PM.

Approve Order of Agenda to include *Flow Meter (Continuous Monitor) and Box*:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve Bills to be paid:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Administrative Department

City Manager Report – Copy provided in Council folders

City Hall will be closed Friday, May 17th, from 10:00 AM-1:30 PM, in order for staff to attend a funeral.

Finance Department

Approve/Adopt Quarterly Budget Amendment Resolution:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-F. Johnson; Gentry-aye; Braswell-aye; Leger-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Public Works salaries will be paid from Water and Sewer Fund:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Braswell-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Police Department

Chief's Report – No Chief's Report available this month due to Chief Campbell being on leave for personal reasons.

Ratify donated vehicle for Police Department from Thomas County:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Public Works Department

Public Works Report – No Public Works Report available this month due to Chief Campbell being on leave for personal reasons.

Approve Estimates from SOWEGA Chlorinator Co., Inc., for Flow Meter (Continuous Monitor) and Installation - \$3,507.00, and Waterproof Plastic Box - \$327.50:

Motion-Leger; Second-F. Johnson; Gentry-aye; Braswell-aye; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve/Adopt Flood Ordinance per guidance from EPD – Deadline August 14, 2024:

Motion-Leger; Second-M. Johnson; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Braswell-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve/Adopt Resolution to combine 2024 Supplemental LMIG Grant with FY 2025 and FY 2026 Grants:
Motion-Leger; Second-F. Johnson; Gentry-aye; Braswell-aye; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve Quote from Thomas County Public Works for materials for Driveway - \$3,395.35:
Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Street Department

No business to discuss.

Recreation Department

No business to discuss.

New Business

Election of District 10 GMA Officers:
Motion-Leger; Second-M. Johnson; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Braswell-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Mediacom Franchise: Table to next Council Meeting.

Update Leaf and Yard Trimmings pick-up rates and start charging every account to include outside the City Limits, Businesses, Churches, and Apartments:
Motion-Smith; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; M. Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Old Business

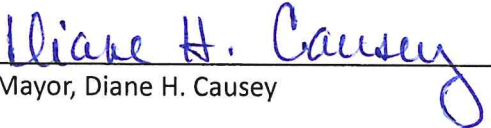
Adopt Personnel Policy:
Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn:
Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Gentry-aye; Leger-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.



Mayor, Diane H. Causey



Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

Councilmember Freddie Johnson
Councilmember Tonia Gentry
Councilmember Todd Braswell
Councilmember Elizabeth Leger
Councilmember Melissa Johnson
Councilmember W.C. Smith

Absent