

City of Coolidge  
Council Meeting  
Official Minutes

February 11, 2025  
6:30 PM

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Freddie Johnson.

Approved January 2025, Workshop Minutes:

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second - Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

Approved January 2025, Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second - Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

Speaker Appearance: NONE

Approve Order of Agenda:

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second - Elizabeth Leger; Freddie Johnson-aye; W.C. Smith-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

Approve Bills to be paid:

Motion - Elizabeth Leger; Second - Freddie Johnson; Melissa Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye; W.C. Smith-aye

Unanimously approved.

**Administrative Department**

City Manager Report – Copy provided in Council folders

**Finance Department**

Approve setting new water/sewer rates:

Motion - W.C. Smith; Second - Elizabeth Leger; ~~Melissa Johnson-aye~~; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved. Rate increase will go into effect within the March billing cycle. Rate increases will be included in the newest billing and posted at city hall.

Minutes amended to reflect no vote on behalf of Melissa Johnson to approve new water/sewer rates.

Approve City Manager professional development GMA MRAC Training:

Motion - W.C. Smith; Second - Elizabeth Leger; Melissa Johnson-aye; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

Approve clerk professional development with Valenti and Rackley and Associates:

Motion - W.C. Smith; Second - Elizabeth Leger; Freddie Johnson-aye; Melissa Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

Discussed scheduling discussion of the charter for February 18, 2025:

Motion-Elizabeth leger; Second-W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson-aye; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

### **Police Department**

Officer Mark Hickman gave a report on citizen activity during the recent snow days. He stated that there were two accidents due to low visibility. Officer Hickman also stated that all citizens were compliant with the set curfew and did a great job adhering to set rules put in place to avoid mishaps during the snow days.

Discussed Chief of Police salary and candidates that have been interviewed

Moved further Chief of Police discussion to meeting for February 18, 2024

### **Public Works Department**

Stillwater Engineering Bid:

Discussion postponed until further notice:

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second-W.C. Smith; Elizabeth Leger-aye; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

The Council approved resolution to be reviewed and confirmed by the city attorney.

Approve use of service vehicles on weekends when working and during weather emergencies:

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson-aye; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

Approve laptop computer quotes for the public works department:

Motion - Freddie Johnson; Second - Elizabeth Leger; W.C. Smith-aye; Melissa Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

### **Street Department**

Melissa Johnson explained that the beautification project would be accomplished through the use of volunteers. She will be providing the flowers. The public works department will be in charge of watering plants.

Approve beautification project for downtown Coolidge:

Motion-Freddie Johnson; Second-W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson-aye; Elizabeth Leger-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

### **Recreation Department**

No business to discuss.

### **New Business**

Review setbacks for R-PUD (Zoning Committee)

Melissa Johnson stated that her and Tonia Gentry took a look at the setbacks. They determined that there were no setbacks from the highway of 188 and that there is a huge holding pond where the setbacks would be.

Mrs. Gentry was not in attendance to confirm.

GMA-Newly Officials Classes

Elizabeth Leger stated that Freddie, Todd, and Tonia would need to take these classes. The classes are to be held on March 18, 19, 20.

### **Old Business**

Repeal Lead and Copper Resolution

Mayor Causey stated that this resolution needed to be repealed in order to give her authority to sign grants pertaining to it and to update incorrect information within the resolution.

Motion - Elizabeth Leger; Second - Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Executive Session**

Personnel

**Motion to Enter Executive Session:**

Motion - Melissa Johnson; Second - Elizabeth Leger; W.C Smith-aye; Freddie Johnson-aye; Todd Braswell-aye

Unanimously approved.

**O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:**

**When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the**

person presiding over such meeting or, if the agency's policy so provides, each member of the governing body of the agency attending such meeting, shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within the exception by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law. Those specific relevant exceptions are identified as follows. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of the meeting is/are:

(F.) Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).

**Council addressed and discussed the relevant subject matter.**

**Adjourn**

Adjourned

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Mayor, Diane H. Causey

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Asst. City Clerk, Alisha Bass

**Present**

Diane H. Causey, Mayor  
Lonnie Adamson, City Manager  
Freddie Johnson  
Elizabeth Leger  
W.C. Smith  
Melissa Johnson  
Todd Braswell (via phone)  
Kyle Swann, City Attorney

**Absent**

Tonia Gentry