

City of Coolidge
Council Meeting
Official Minutes

MAY 13, 2025
6:30 PM

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Lonnie Adamson

Approved March 2025 Called Meeting Minutes, April 2025 Workshop minutes and City Council meeting minutes:

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approved Order of Agenda:

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approved Bills to be paid:

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Mayor Causey thanked everyone for attending the National Police Week ceremony. She showed appreciation to the city manager, Lonnie Adamson, for preparing the ceremony.

Speaker:

Mayor Causey introduced Charles Cannon from the House of Representatives for the 172nd District

Administrative Department

City Manager Report – Lonnie Adamson, City Manager

- Provide access to the city's software program to the accounting firm (Hudson& Nesmith CPAs) for bank reconciliations.
- Investigate options for replacing the water treatment plant aerator.
- Apply for safety grants through the city's insurance providers.
- Identify locations to install additional children playing signs.

Approved GMA Election Ballot

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approved GMA Convention Invoice to be paid

June 19-24 (\$1,000 registration cost for 2 attending council members)

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approved Ordinance Fixing and Publishing Qualifying Fees for offices subject to election year 2025
Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Finance Department

Approved financial report

- The city manager updated the council on the GMA offer report and bank reconciliations

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Police Department

Chief's Report – Chief Jordan

- 26 Traffic Stops (Officer initiated and Flock generated):
 - o 6 tag violations
 - o 11 speeding
 - o 3 suspended registrations
 - o 1 failure to yield
 - o 5 warnings
- Other calls:
 - o 1 accident with injuries
 - o 1 alarm
 - o 1 dog chase
 - o 2 miscellaneous
 - o 1 scam
 - o 1 stolen vehicle
 - o 1 suicide attempt
 - o 1 suspicious person

Approved Chief of Police Training (\$1,472)

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second- W.C. Smith; Elizabeth Leger-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approved Police Vest Quote

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second- W.C. Smith; Elizabeth Leger-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved

Appointed Chief of Police, Michael Jordan as Safety Coordinator

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second-Elizabeth Leger; W.C. Smith-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved.

Public Works Department

Public Works Report – Will Glass

- Water Tap Installations:
 - o 1 on highway 319 North
 - o 4 in the Marshall Trace Subdivision

- 1 water tap installation pending
- Lift Station Maintenance:
 - Degreaser and deodorizer have been ordered to address odor issues originating from the lift station.
- Equipment Update:
 - The aerator pump has been delivered to Smith Electric for diagnostic evaluation.
- Road Maintenance:
 - Procurement is underway for asphalt to repair potholes and surface damage on city streets.

Approved payment of Stillwater invoice (\$59,460 Lead and Copper Project)

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second- W.C. Smith; Elizabeth Leger-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved

Approved Roll Off Container/Spring Cleanup (May 19-June 2, 2025)

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second- W.C. Smith; Elizabeth Leger-aye; Diane Causey-aye
Unanimously approved

Street Department

Melissa Johnson requested that more “Slow, Children at Play” signs be put up

Recreation Department

Rep. Charles Cannon

- Discussed challenges of small cities
- Mentioned additional funding for the city of Coolidge
- Explained the state budget and the allocation of funds for wastewater projects
- Offered to help with any local government issues

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

Executive session requested*

Motion to enter Executive Session-Elizabeth Leger; Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Diane H. Causey-aye

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

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Diane H. Cauley

Mayor, Diane H. Causey

Asst. City Clerk, Alisha Bass

Present

Diane H. Causey, Mayor
Elizabeth Leger
W.C. Smith
Melissa Johnson
Lonnie Adamson, City Manager

Absent

Freddie Johnson
Tonia Gentry
Todd Braswell