

City of Coolidge  
Council Meeting  
Official Minutes

August 12, 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: Lonnie Adamson.

Approve July 2025, Workshop and Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-Tonia Gentry; W.C. Smith-aye; Melissa Johnson-aye  
Unanimously approved.

Approve Order of Agenda:

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second-Tonia Gentry; W.C. Smith-aye; Elizabeth Leger-aye  
Unanimously approved.

Approve Bills to be paid:

Motion-Melissa Johnson; Second-W.C. Smith; Tonia Gentry-aye; Elizabeth Leger-aye  
Unanimously approved.

Speaker Appearance: Phil Brown

Philip Brown proposed developing duplexes in Coolidge for affordable housing, highlighting the need for 12-30 new residents. He estimated the economic impact at \$1.3-\$1.5 million and mentioned potential financing from Thomasville National Bank and South Georgia Banking Company. The duplexes would feature three bedrooms, two baths, and a one-car garage, priced around \$1,500 monthly. The city owns four lots on East Violet Street, suitable for four duplexes.

**Administrative Department**

City Manager Report – Copy provided in Council folders

- General fund status
- SPLOST 17 Balance and Capital Planning
- 811 Utility location training recap
- Summer Fun Water Day recap

**Finance Department**

**Police Department**

Police Report - Interim Chief, Mark Hickman  
Copy provided in Council folders

- 67 Total Calls For Service
- 54 Total Traffic Stops
- Cited violations:
  - o 19 Speeding
  - o 10 Tag Violations (Flock Generated)
  - o 1 Failure to Stop at Stop Sign
  - o 1 Failure to Stop at Traffic Light

#### **Public Works Department**

None

#### **Street Department**

None

#### **Recreation Department**

Coolidge Recreation Flag Football

- Registration: August 4 – September 5, 2025
- Age Division: 5-6 and 7-8
- Location: Coolidge Recreation Park
- Season: Mid-September to End of October 2025
- Day of Evaluations: September 8, 2025

#### **New Business**

Approved FLOST (Floating Local Option Sales Tax) Payment Disbursement

Motion-Elizabeth Leger; Second-Tonia Gentry; W.C. Smith-aye; Melissa Johnson-aye  
Unanimously approved.

Mandatory Clerk Training – September 2025

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Executive Session**

Personnel

**Motion to enter into Executive Session-Elizabeth Leger; Second-Melissa Johnson; W.C. Smith-aye; Tonia Gentry-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

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Mayor, Diane H. Causey

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Asst. City Clerk, Alisha Bass

**Present**

Diane H. Cauley, Mayor  
Lonnie Adamson, City Manager  
Melissa Johnson  
Tonia Gentry  
W.C. Smith  
Elizabeth Leger  
Kyle Swann, City Attorney

**Absent**

Todd Braswell