

City of Coolidge
Council Meeting
Official Minutes

June 9, 2026
6:30 PM

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

The Invocation: Monica Harper

Approved May 2026 Workshop and Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion – Todd Braswell; Second – W.C. Smith; Tonia Gentry – aye; Melissa Johnson – aye; Willie Palmore, III – aye; Monica Harper - aye.

Approved Order of Agenda and to add resolution for Melissa Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilman W.C. Smith to be added to city accounts as signatories in absence of city manager:

Motion – Monica Harper; Second – Melissa Johnson; Tonia Gentry – aye; W.C. Smith – aye; Willie Palmore, III; Todd Braswell - aye.

Unanimously approved.

Approved Bills to be Paid:

Motion – Todd Braswell; Second – W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson – aye; Tonia Gentry – aye; Monica Harper – aye; Willie Palmore, III – aye.

Unanimously approved.

Administrative Department

City Manager's Report: Lonnie Adamson
Copies provided to Council

Finance Department

Financial Report
Copies provided to Council

Police Department

Police Report

- Total Calls for Service: 10
- Neighborhood checks: 16
- Citations Issued: 3
- Warnings Issued: 4
- Captured Flock Violations: 7

Public Works Department

Public Works Report

- Total Water Main Leaks Fixed: 1
 - o 23167 US Hwy. 319 N.
- Forced Sewer Main Leak: 1
 - o 5082 S. Pine St.

811 Requests:

- 9 filed
- 9 completed

Customer Work Orders Completed: 17

Additional Notes:

- Lawn care continuation for all city right of ways
(All edging and lawn care will be sectioned into daily ports)
- 300 water meters read
- Basketball court rehabilitation to begin
- Water and wastewater reports completed
- Pocket Park rehabilitation complete
- Upcoming baseball field concession stands and dugout exterior painting
- RPI scheduled to repair water main leak on Zoe St. and US 319 and 4 more water main leaks throughout city
- Continuous monitoring at wastewater treatment plant dock is not active at the moment

Street Department

None

Recreation Department

None

New Business

Approved Resolution for Thomas County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Motion – Melissa Johnson; Second – Todd Braswell; Tonia Gentry - aye; Monica Harper – aye; W.C. Smith -aye; Willie Palmore, III – aye.
Unanimously approved.

Approved Reames and Son Construction Company, Inc LMIG Quote and Funding (24-25 LMIG/LRA = \$51,991.61 plus SPLOST 17 = \$17,963.59 for a total of \$69,995.20):

Motion – W.C. Smith; Second – Monica Harper; Todd Braswell -aye; Melissa Johnson – aye; Tonia Gentry – aye; Willie Palmore, III – aye.
Unanimously approved.

Approved Resolution to remove Lonnie Adamson from City of Coolidge Bank Accounts:

Motion – W.C. Smith; Second – Monica Harper; Todd Braswell - aye; Melissa Johnson – aye; Tonia Gentry – aye; Willie Palmore, III – aye.
Unanimously approved.

Approved Mayor's Academy Training Hotel Fees:

Motion – W.C. Smith; Second – Melissa Johnson; Monica Harper – aye; Todd Braswell – aye; Tonia Gentry – aye; Willie Palmore – aye.

Old Business

None

Public Comment

Pastor Kelly Anderson mention the passing of a former, long-time citizen of Coolidge, Georgia.

Executive Session

Personnel

Motion to Exit Regular Council Meeting and Enter Executive Session – Willie Palmore, III; Second – W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson - aye; Monica Harper-aye; Tonia Gentry – 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 50-14-3(b)(2).

Council addressed and discussed the relevant subject matter.

Motion to exit Executive Session and Re-enter Regular Council Meeting – Monica Harper; Second – W.C. Smith; Melissa Johnson – aye; Todd Braswell – aye, Tonia Gentry – aye; Willie Palmore, III - aye.
Unanimously approved.

Motion to appoint Alisha Bass as Interim City Manager, with city manager pay, admin duties only
Motion – Monica Harper; Second – W.C. Smith; Willie Palmore, III – aye, Todd Braswell – aye.
Opposed – Tonia Gentry
No audible or legible vote – Melissa Johnson
Vote carried by majority.

Motion to amend agenda to include holding July 2026 Workshop on July 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm
Motion – W.C. Smith; Second – Monica Harper; Todd Braswell – aye; Melissa Johnson – aye, Willie
Palmore – aye; Tonia Gentry – aye
Unanimously approved.

Approved Called Meeting to be held on June 16th, 2026, at 5:00 pm to review City Manager candidates.
Motion – Melissa Johnson; Second – W.C. Smith; Todd Braswell – aye; Monica Harper – aye; Tonia
Gentry – aye; Willie Palmore, III – aye.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn Council Meeting – Melissa Johnson; Second – Willie Palmore, III; Todd Braswell – aye;
Monica Harper – aye; Tonia Gentry – aye; W.C. Smith - aye.
Unanimously approved.

Mayor, Elizabeth Leger

City Clerk, Alisha Bass

Present

Elizabeth Leger, Mayor
Tonia Gentry
Melissa Johnson
Monica Harper
W.C. Smith
Todd Braswell
Lonnie Adamson III, City Manager
Kyle Swann, City Attorney

Absent