

City of Coolidge  
Council Meeting  
Official Minutes

December 12, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

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 November 9, 2023, Workshop Minutes:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

Approve November 14, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion-Leger; Second-Smith; M. Johnson-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

Approve November 28, 2023, Called Meeting Minutes:

Motion-Leger; Second-Smith; M. Johnson-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

Speaker Appearance: None scheduled

Approve Order of Agenda:

Motion-Leger; Second-M. Johnson; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

Approve Bills to be paid:

Motion-Leger; Second-Smith; M. Johnson-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

**Administrative Department**

City Manager Report – Presented at December 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop

**Finance Department**

Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of General Fund Budget Amendment Ordinance:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

Dispense with 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adopt General Fund Budget Amendment Ordinance:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

Appoint SWGRC Council Appointees – Non-Public Representative, Jason Giddens; Additional Member, Elaine Mays:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

Reminder – The Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Police Department**

Chief's Report – Copy provided in Council folders

Police Department Comprehensive Plan presentation – Copy of Comprehensive Plan Draft provided in Council folders:

Chief Drew Campbell and his fellow officers have come together to devise a Comprehensive Plan for the Coolidge Police Department, and Chief Campbell wanted to make a presentation to Council. He stated the goal is to have it finalized by December 21<sup>st</sup>, and then have a meeting among the department "to really go into what the final efforts are going to look like, set our priorities, set our projects, and start dedicating the efforts toward those project accomplishments."

Chief Campbell reviewed and briefly discussed the Key Points of the Coolidge Police Department Comprehensive Plan:

- Agency Profile
- Needs and Opportunities
- Goals and Benchmarks
- Potential Timelines
- Projects
- Publication

Approve outside employment – Chief Drew Campbell:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Smith; Leger-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

### **Public Works Department**

Public Works Report – Copy provided in Council folders

Approve Estimate from LEM Ag & Specialty Marketing, LLC. for *Children at Play* signs and signs for the City Park:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Smith; Leger-aye; Mayor Causey-aye  
Unanimously approved

### **Recreation Department**

Discuss Ball Field improvements:

Reschedule discussion for January Workshop

**New Business**

Appoint Meritta Patillo as City Clerk:

Motion-Leger; Second-M. Johnson; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye

Unanimously approved

Appoint ADA Coordinator:

Motion to appoint Chief Drew Campbell-Leger; Second-M. Johnson; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye

Unanimously approved

**Old Business**

No business to discuss

**Public Comment**

No public present

**Executive Session: Personnel**

Motion to Enter Executive Session:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-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.

Motion to Exit Executive Session:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye

Unanimously approved

Council made the offer to extend City Manager Don Cole's contract through 2024, and Mr. Cole accepted.

Motion to approve-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; Smith-aye; Mayor Causey-aye

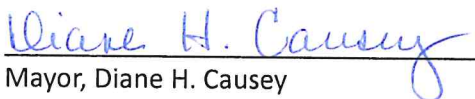
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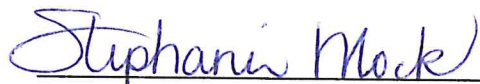
**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Smith; Leger-aye; Mayor Causey-aye

Unanimously approved

  
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Mayor, Diane H. Causey

  
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Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

**Present**

Councilmember Elizabeth Leger  
Councilmember Melissa Johnson  
Councilmember W.C. Smith

**Absent**

Councilmember Freddie Johnson  
Councilmember Adam Gilligan  
Councilmember Braswell