

City of Coolidge
Investigating Committee Meeting
Official Minutes

April 18, 2024
6:00 PM

Call to Order

Members of Investigating Committee:

Freddie Johnson, Chairman (not in attendance)
Todd Braswell
W.C. Smith

Consider Complaint of David Hurst against Councilmember Melissa Johnson regarding dogs at large:

* REVIEW ETHICS ORDINANCE:

* DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A SPECIFIC CODE SECTION IN THE ETHICS ORDINANCE FOR THE BOARD OF ETHICS TO CONSIDER OR WHETHER THERE IS NO SPECIFIC CODE SECTION THAT APPLIES IN THIS CASE:

In the complaint of David Hurst against Councilmember Melissa Johnson regarding adult dogs, the Investigating Committee finds that there is no specific Code Section that applies in this case.

Motion-Smith; Second-Braswell
Motion carries

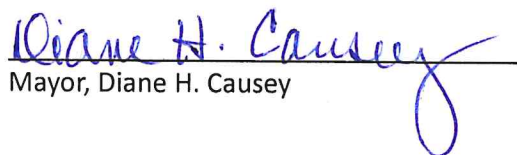
However, Councilmember Smith feels that Councilmember Melissa Johnson did violate the Ethics Ordinance by rudely interrupting and challenging the complainant, Mr. Hurst, from her seat at the Council table when he was speaking at a Council meeting, using her position as a Council member to challenge him, and that she should be reprimanded.

City Attorney Kyle Swann advised that a separate complaint with respect to that issue would need to be filed to address that specific grievance regarding Ethics violation. He stated the complaint must be a sworn complaint, signed by a Notary.

Mr. Hurst stated he would file a separate, sworn complaint against Councilmember Melissa Johnson for Ethics violation by using her Council seat to interrupt and challenge him while speaking at a Council meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn-Smith; Second-Braswell
Motion carries


Mayor, Diane H. Causey


Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

Councilmember Todd Braswell
Councilmember W.C. Smith

Absent

Councilmember Freddie Johnson, Chairman