

City of Coolidge  
Called Meeting  
Official Minutes

June 29, 2023  
5:30 P.M.

**Call to Order**

The Called Meeting was called to Order at 5:30 P.M.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by City Manager, Don Cole.

Approve Order of Agenda with addition of "Adjourn":

Motion-F. Johnson; Second-Leger; Braswell-aye; M. Johnson-aye  
Unanimously approved.

At this time, the public was asked to leave the Council Room for Council to go into Executive Session.

Audience member, Linda Smith jokingly spoke up and said the members of the audience would like to ask Council to hold Executive Session in another room so she and others did not have to go outside in the heat. Mayor Causey, City Manager Cole, and all Councilmembers present agreed that it would not be a problem to move Executive Session to another room.

The Mayor, City Manager, and Council members exited the Council Room to enter Executive Session in an office down the hall.

**Executive Session: Personnel**

Motion to Enter Executive Session:

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Leger-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-Leger; Second-F. Johnson; Braswell-aye; M. Johnson-aye  
Unanimously approved.**

Approve City Manager's recommendation to increase the hourly rate of Manuel Dominguez by \$1.00 to \$18.00 per hour:

**Motion-F. Johnson; Second-M. Johnson; Braswell-aye; Leger-aye  
Unanimously approved.**

**Discuss Methodist Church Estimate – Hotel/Motel, Balance General Fund**

Council discussed two quotes provided by Dwayne Fallin to do repairs on the Methodist Church and bring it up to Code. The difference in quotes is in the material used to build a handicap ramp – wood vs. aluminum. Hotel/Motel funds could be used toward repair cost but is not enough to cover the total cost of repairs.

Council had discussion about what to do with the Methodist Church and would like to have it declared as a historical building. Council also discussed the possibility of relocating the City Park to beside the Methodist Church.

Councilmember Leger suggested having Mr. Cole check into the requirements for declaring the Methodist Church as a historical building and start looking into Grant funding, etc.

It was decided to have information presented at the next Council meeting for Council to review and consider.

**Discuss Playground Equipment Proposal – SPLOST**

Council discussed proposals for two different playground equipment units provided by Bliss Products and Services, Inc.

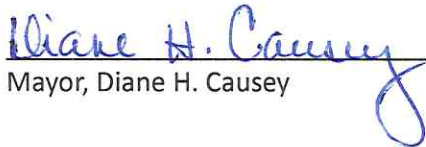
After discussion, Council came to agreement to go with Quote #66681 – the BEGONIA play unit, at a purchase price of \$59,955.45.


**Motion to approve-F. Johnson; Second-Leger; Braswell-aye; M. Johnson-aye  
Unanimously approved.**

Councilmember Leger stated the need to inform our citizens and the public about the progress being made as soon as possible. She again brought up the need, in her opinion, to have an official City of Coolidge Facebook page and stated we need to be using every avenue available to keep citizens informed, in addition to keeping the City Website up-to-date with the latest information.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn-Leger; Second-M. Johnson; F. Johnson-aye; Braswell-aye  
Unanimously approved.**

  
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Mayor, Diane H. Causey

  
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Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

**Present**

Councilmember F. Johnson  
Councilmember Braswell  
Councilmember Leger  
Councilmember M. Johnson

**Absent**

Councilmember Gilligan  
City Clerk, Lisa Sheffield