

City of Coolidge
Council Meeting
Official Minutes

March 19, 2024
6:30 PM

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 February 6, 2024, Workshop Minutes:

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

Approve February 13, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes:

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

Speaker Appearance: Sharon Edwards, *Community Outreach Training Center*

Mrs. Edwards came to discuss services provided by the *Community Outreach Training Center* to offer assistance to citizens with Utility bills, rent, etc.

She stated they would like to come to Coolidge to meet with citizens who may benefit from their program and help them with the application process. She asked if there was somewhere in Coolidge where they could set up and do this, and Council agreed to let them use the Council Room at City Hall. After discussion, the dates to have them come were established as April 8th, 10th, 15th, and 18th from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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

Approve Order of Agenda to include the following:

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

1) Not listed on the Agenda, Continue addressing the dogs at large situation with Council:

David and Nikki Hurst, who live at 162 Coolidge Rocky Ford Rd., were asked by Councilmember Freddie Johnson to come speak to Council regarding their ongoing complaints of dogs at large loose in the city and coming onto their property. One of the issues they have is that the dogs they are complaining about belong to a Council member and they feel nothing is being done to solve the problem.

After discussion, the Mayor suggested having someone from Thomas County Animal Control and/or the Sheriff Department come and speak to the issue at hand and hopefully give some suggestions on what options may be available to remedy the problem.

David and Nikki Hurst were asked to come back at that time to continue discussion on the subject.

- 2) Approve Resolution transferring \$41,000 from ARPA Funds to cover Public Works Payroll:
Motion-F. Johnson; Second-Leger; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved
- 3) Authorize City Engineer to apply for Grant with Congressman Sanford Bishop for Sewer line upgrade:
Motion-Leger; Second-F. Johnson; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved
- 4) Authorize Chief of Police to apply for Grant with Congressman Sanford Bishop for Coolidge Police Department Comprehensive Plan Development:
Motion-F. Johnson; Second-Smith; Leger-aye; M. Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved

Approve Bills to be paid:

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

Administrative Department

City Manager Report – Copy provided in Council folders

Finance Department

Approve Special Project with CPA Nick Valenti for estimate of \$3,500 to “draw a line” at December 31, 2023, in Water and General Fund Checking Accounts to be able to reconcile bank statements beginning January 1, 2024:

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

Police Department

Chief’s Report – Copy provided in Council folders

Approve Flock Safety – Master Service Agreement:
Approved at a previous meeting

Public Works Department

Public Works Report – Copy provided in Council folders

Approve Resolution for GEFA Loan/Grant:

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

Award Wastewater Contract to best bidder from bid opening March 8th – B.A.M. 2 for \$713,365:
Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Leger; F. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved

Update Flood Ordinance per guidance from EPD – Deadline August 14, 1014 – Moved to April meeting

Street Department

No business to discuss

Recreation Department

No business to discuss

New Business

No business to discuss

Old Business

FYI – Personnel Policy Update – Moved to April meeting

Ratify LMIG – S. Magnolia Street and E. Arbutus Avenue. Approve contract with Reames and Son Construction Co., Inc. Cost for the resurfacing is \$119,412.60:

LMIG 2022 - \$10,795.65

LMIG 2023 - \$10,753.30

LMIG 2024 - \$11,530.91

30% Match - \$9,923.96 (SPLOST Funds)

Balance paid from SPLOST - \$76,408.78

Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Smith; F. Johnson-aye; Leger-aye

Unanimously approved

LMIG Update for next project – Rose Avenue, Willard Street, W. Verbena Avenue 1000-2000 block, N. Peachtree Street 1000 block, Lilly Avenue (measured footage to be provided before meeting – Moved to April meeting

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

Motion-Leger; Second-F. Johnson; M. Johnson-aye; Smith-aye

Unanimously approved

Diane H. Causey
Mayor, Diane H. Causey

Stephanie Mock
Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

Councilmember Freddie Johnson
Councilmember Elizabeth Leger
Councilmember Melissa Johnson
Councilmember W.C. Smith
City Attorney Kyle Swann

Absent

Councilmember Tonia Gentry
Councilmember Todd Braswell