

City of Coolidge  
Workshop  
Official Minutes

September 12, 2023  
5:30 P.M.

**Call to Order**

Councilmembers Leger and M. Johnson were present for the Workshop. Mayor Causey and Councilmembers F. Johnson and Braswell were not able to attend.

Mayor Pro Temp/Councilmember Melissa Johnson called the Workshop to Order at 5:30 P.M.

Due to lack of a quorum, the regularly scheduled monthly Council Meeting following the Workshop will have to be cancelled and rescheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Discuss/Review:

**PLAYGROUND:**

Councilmember M. Johnson stated she and Councilmember Leger had gone to the property owners surrounding the Methodist Church to get their views and input on possibly moving the Playground to the Methodist Church in their area of town. She stated they were all fine with moving the Playground to the Methodist Church property but request that a fence be installed around it for the safety of the children. Councilmember M. Johnson also suggested a fence be erected around the graves that are located there.

Topics discussed by City Manager, Councilmembers, and audience members:

- Project to be done in phases
- Speeding traffic danger on Verbena Avenue and Peachtree Street
- Need to have survey done of Methodist Church property if Council votes to move it there
- Need for water access on Methodist Church property
- Turning Methodist Church into historical museum

Further discussion included the need for better planning by following the Comprehensive Plan when making decisions for projects for the City, as well as the need for Councilmembers to show up for meetings.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Items discussed:

- Bills to be Paid
- Request for update on rugs for Council room
- Request for update on aerators
- Request for EPD Inspection results when available
- Request for a Council calendar with meetings, inspections, etc. listed on the dates
- Request for Council to be included in Safety meetings, etc.
- Utilizing City Hall as a Red Cross Shelter

- Water Policy
- Following the Charter - Council member attendance, Roles and Responsibilities of Mayor, City Manager, and Council
- Training for Council/Council Retreat
- Questions about Elections
- Millage Rate/Budget deadlines, upcoming Workshops
- Request for Mr. Cole to check into Property Tax Relief Bill signed by Governor
- Request for Council to get copy of the 5-year Tax Digest and Consolidation Sheet at the next Workshop
- Update on Audit

**Adjourn**

Workshop adjourned.



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Mayor Pro Temp/Councilmember Melissa Johnson



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Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

**Present**

Councilmember Leger  
Councilmember M. Johnson  
City Manager Don Cole

**Absent**

Councilmember F. Johnson  
Councilmember Braswell  
Mayor Diane H. Causey