

City of Coolidge
Council Meeting
Official Minutes

September 19, 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 August 8, 2023, Workshop Minutes:

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

Approve August 8, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes:

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

Approve August 22, 2023, Called Meeting Minutes:

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

Speaker Appearance: Sam Evans was on the Agenda as a Speaker but was not able to attend the meeting and asked that his Speaker Appearance be postponed until the next upcoming Council meeting.

Approve Order of Agenda with addition of considering a policy to accept credit card payments over the telephone:

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

Approve Bills to be paid:

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

Councilmember M. Johnson requested an update on the rugs we ordered for the Council room in August. Mayor Causey answered by saying the order has been shipped and we anticipate delivery before the 26th, hopefully.

Administrative Department

City Manager Report – Copy provided in Council folders.

Finance Department

Set Workshops to discuss Millage Rate and Budget – September 26th and October 3rd, at 5:30 P.M.

Approve Training for Councilmembers M. Johnson and Leger – September 28-29, Jekyll Island:
Motion-Braswell; Second-F. Johnson; Leger-aye; M. Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Police Department

Chief's Report – Copy provided in Council folders.

Ratify Safety Coordinator Training – Chief:
Motion-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Leger-aye
Unanimously approved.

Street Department

Approve purchase of Zero-Turn Lawnmower – SPLOST:
Council reviewed four Quotes – two from South Georgia Motorsports, two from John Deere.

Council was in agreement to go with John Deere Quote # 29488153 at a cost of \$11,249.99.
Motion to approve-M. Johnson; Second-Braswell; F. Johnson-aye; Leger-aye
Unanimously approved.

Water and Sewer Department

Approve starting rate of \$22.00 per hour for Public Works Director:
Motion-F. Johnson; Second-Braswell; Leger-aye; M. Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

City Manager Cole stated the starting rate would be \$22.00 per hour and would increase by \$1.00 per hour per each Class of Certification obtained (Class 3 Certification, Class 2 Certification, Class 1 Certification) up to \$25.00 per hour.

Councilmember Leger suggested, before hiring for this position, having a contract drawn up stating that once Certification is obtained, whomever is in that position at that time will agree to work for the City of Coolidge for a pre-determined amount of time before they can vacate the position and with a stipulation that if they leave before the allotted time, they will be obligated to pay back to the City the cost of all Certification training received at the cost of the City of Coolidge.

New Business

Councilmember M. Johnson would like Council to review and revamp our Water billing policy and also consider offering the option of taking credit card payments over the phone.

Council will discuss this at a future Workshop.

Council decided they would like to have Workshops scheduled for the Tuesday before the monthly Council meeting.

Old Business

Playground:

Motion to keep Playground at existing location-F. Johnson; Second-Braswell; Leger-nay; M. Johnson-nay
Motion is dead.

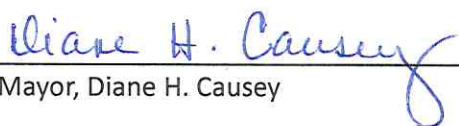
Councilmember M. Johnson made a Motion to place the issue of whether or not to move the
Playground on the ballot for the November Election and let the people vote and make the decision for
Council; No Second to the Motion
Motion is dead.

A Meherrin representative will be able to come to a Workshop in October to speak to Council.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

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



Mayor, Diane H. Causey



Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

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

Absent

Councilmember Gilligan