

City of Coolidge
Workshop
Official Minutes

September 19, 2023
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Workshop called to Order at 5:30 P.M.

Discuss/Review:

PLAYGROUND:

Council discussed the decision of whether to move the Playground to the Methodist Church property or keep it at the current location. Public opinion seems to be split down the middle. When asked for the opinion of residents who live in the immediate vicinity of the proposed new location next to the church, there was some discrepancy in their responses on whether they would like the Playground to be placed there or not.

There was a heated exchange between Councilmembers F. Johnson and M. Johnson, who were in opposition regarding how to come to a final decision. Councilmember M. Johnson suggested putting the subject on the election ballot for the November 7th Election and let the people vote and make the decision for Council. She said we could store the Playground equipment at the City Shop when it is delivered and have someone come back and install it once the people decide where they want the Park. Councilmember F. Johnson disagreed with, now, postponing the project until the Election in November when, recently, Councilmember M. Johnson had an issue with this project being “put off for five years” in her argument for a decision to be made, and he disagreed with having to pay someone to come back and install it at extra cost to the City when the company delivering the product will install it upon delivery on site at no extra cost. He stated we have a fast-approaching deadline of when the equipment will be delivered and that Council had agreed to stop prolonging the decision and put it to a vote at the next Council meeting with a quorum in order to be done with it and move forward.

AGENDA ITEMS:

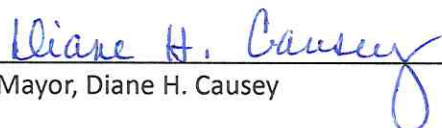
Agenda items discussed:

- Upcoming Workshop dates
- Property Tax Relief Bill – 81 properties qualify in Coolidge, 40 of the 81 will qualify for a zero tax bill
- Millage rate/Rollback
- Set Workshop for September 26th
- Council training
- Safety Coordinator training for Chief Campbell
- Safety Grants
- Lidar certification and training
- Quotes for lawnmower
- Public Works Director starting rate

- Advertising for Public Works employees – put flyer in with Water bills
- Request to add to Agenda *taking credit card payments over the phone*
- Re-evaluate Water Billing Policy

Adjourn

Workshop adjourned.



Mayor, Diane H. Causey



Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

Councilmember F. Johnson
Councilmember Leger (via telephone)
Councilmember M. Johnson

Absent

Councilmember Gilligan
Councilmember Braswell