

City of Coolidge
Workshop
Official Minutes

August 11, 2022

5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

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

Mayor Causey introduced Mr. Chandler Giddes, Director of the Thomas County Humane Society. Mr. Giddes came to speak about the Humane Society and give a brief overview of services they provide to citizens as well as municipalities included in the counties they serve. He also came to address the subject of the cat problem we are currently facing with feral and community cats at large all over the city. He stated it is a national problem. He discussed the fact that cats breed quite frequently, which causes the cat population to keep increasing at a very high rate if the animals are not spayed or neutered in an effort to keep the population down. He also said that cats "colonize", so if you take them to another location and release them, a lot of them will find their way back to their original location or, if they do stay away, the "colony" will just repopulate and increase in numbers again. He stated the best way to control a cat population is to catch them in traps and have them sterilized before releasing them back in the general area where they were caught. He said it will take some time, but eventually the population will dwindle because new kittens are not being born into the population, and cats, being territorial, will not allow new cats to come into their "colony" or area. He stated another benefit of the Community Cat Program (trap, sterilize, and release) is that the Humane Society also administers Rabies vaccines to all of the animals to also reduce the occurrence of Rabies infection. Mr. Giddes said the Humane Society will lend traps to the public. The person must pay a deposit, and the deposit will be refunded once the trap is returned. He said the Humane Society will accept cats Tuesday-Thursday of every week, but at no other times due to the surgery schedule. Mayor Causey told Mr. Giddes that we will provide him an address where there is currently a major cat problem that needs to be addressed. He offered to meet with City Manager and Chief of Police, Drew Campbell, so Chief Campbell can show him the locations with the most problems. He ended his presentation by passing out his business card and offering to answer any questions before closing his discussion. No questions were asked.

Mayor Causey thanked him for coming on behalf of the Humane Society and for sharing this valuable information.

Review and Discuss Social Media Policy and Computer and Internet Policy:

Councilmember Leger requested this be placed on the Agenda to discuss. Councilmember Leger absent.

Councilmember Yarbrough reiterated that the City of Coolidge Facebook page they have been wanting is simply to be used to upload information concerning the City in order to keep the public updated and notified.

Mr. Coleman again warned Council against the problems Social Media can cause.

The Social Media Policy and Computer and Internet Policy strictly refers to employees and the use of Social Media and the Internet on City of Coolidge computers.

Discuss Citizen Satisfaction Survey:

Councilmember Leger requested this be placed on the Agenda to discuss. Councilmember Leger absent.

Discuss GMA City Council Workshop:

Councilmember Leger requested this be placed on the Agenda to discuss. Councilmember Leger absent.

Discuss upcoming Agenda:

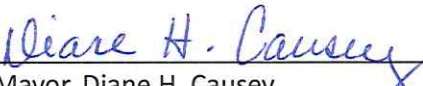
Mayor Causey reviewed and discussed items on the Agenda for the Meeting scheduled to follow the Workshop.

There are two Councilmembers present and two Councilmembers absent; there are not enough Councilmembers present to form a quorum. Therefore, the Council Meeting scheduled to follow this Workshop will not be able to take place, and the items on the Agenda will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council discussed the need to schedule a Workshop for the Budget within the next couple of weeks.

Adjourn

Workshop adjourned.



Mayor, Diane H. Causey



Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

Councilmember Barlow
Councilmember Yarbrough
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman

Absent

Councilmember Gilligan
Councilmember Leger