

City of Coolidge
Council Meeting
Official Minutes

February 14, 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 Councilmember Adam Gilligan.

Speaker Appearance: David Hurst

Mayor Causey recognized Mr. David Hurst.

Mr. Hurst requested to speak to Council regarding complaints of dogs in the area of his residence and surrounding community. He mentioned an unnamed Council Member who is a neighbor as being a continuous source of multiple dogs coming onto his property and being in violation of multiple City Ordinances, but stated there are other residents in violation as well, and he would like something done about it.

Approve January 10, 2023, Workshop Minutes:

Motion-Gilligan; Second-Barlow; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve January 10, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion-Gilligan; Second-Barlow; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve January 23, 2023, Workshop Minutes:

Motion-Gilligan; Second-Barlow; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve January 24, 2023, Public Meeting Minutes:

Motion-Gilligan; Second-Barlow; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve Order of Agenda:

Motion-Barlow; Second-Gilligan; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve Bills to be paid:

Motion-Barlow; Second-Gilligan; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

At this time, Mr. Hurst interjected and asked if Council was going to discuss his complaint or was it something to be addressed behind closed doors. Mayor Causey explained the reason she did not call for discussion by

Council was because it is a situation we would need to confer with the City Attorney as to how to address. Mr. Hurst voiced understanding and said thank you.

Finance Department

Appoint Mayor Pro Temp:

Motion to appoint Councilmember Gilligan-Barlow
Second-Mullins

Motion to appoint Councilmember Yarbrough-Johnson
Second-Yarbrough

Call for votes for Councilmember Yarbrough to be appointed as Mayor Pro Temp:
Barlow-nay; Gilligan-abstained; Mullins-nay; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-abstained; Johnson-aye
Motion fails.

Councilmember Gilligan will remain Mayor Pro Temp until subject can be revisited at the next meeting.

Approve 1st Reading of Blight Ordinance:

Motion-Yarbrough; Second-Gilligan; Barlow-aye; Mullins-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Dispense with 2nd Reading and Adopt Blight Ordinance:

Motion-Barlow
Second-Gilligan

Discussion was had regarding the language of the Ordinance and the need for further review.

Call for votes to Dispense with the 2nd Reading and Adopt the Blight Ordinance:

Barlow-aye; Gilligan-Second; Mullins-abstained; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-nay; Johnson-nay
Motion fails.

Motion to table Blight Ordinance-Gilligan; Second-Barlow; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye;
Johnson-aye

Unanimously approved.

Approve Contract with David Mundt for Code Enforcement:

Motion-Barlow; Second-Yarbrough; Gilligan-aye; Mullins-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Adopt Civility Resolution:

Motion-Gilligan; Second-Barlow; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Approve Valenti, Rackley and Associates Engagement Letter:

Motion-Gilligan; Second-Barlow; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Accept Rick Mullins' Resignation from Council, effective March 1, 2023:

Motion-Yarbrough; Second-Barlow; Gilligan-aye; Mullins-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yarbrough had to leave the meeting at this time.

Discussion was had regarding the City Manager position:

Workshop scheduled to review applicants.

Councilmember Mullins wanted to make a Motion to amend or change the City Charter back to the previous form of Government:

Motion-Mullins

Second-Barlow

Discussion was had regarding mechanics and the implications of the change.

Call for votes to change City Charter back to previous form of Government:

Barlow-aye; Gilligan-abstained; Mullins-aye; Leger-nay; Johnson-nay

Motion fails.

Police Department

Chief Campbell gave the Chief's Report.

Public Works

Street Department:

Revisit Yard Trimmings increase – Thomasville Utilities increased to \$13.00:

Motion to proceed with no change to rates from City of Coolidge for a period of one (1) month:

Motion-Johnson; Second-Mullins; Barlow-aye; Gilligan-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Water and Sewer Department:

Wastewater project progressing on schedule (preliminary process):

Update given by Mayor Causey.

Discuss/Approve Hammock Estimate for Well #3 – SPLOST:

Motion-Barlow; Second-Mullins; Gilligan-aye; Leger-aye; Johnson-aye
Unanimously approved.

Sanitation Department

Spring Clean-up Dumpster on Zoe Ave., March 24th-April 2nd: Thomasville Solid Waste has approved waiving the Set-up fee and charging half price on the Hauling fee, but Landfill rates will remain the same.

Motion to approve-Johnson; Second-Barlow; Gilligan-aye; Mullins-aye; Leger-aye
Unanimously approved.

Advertise via Water bills. Chief Campbell to inspect the site to determine ideal location.

Recreation Department

Defective playground equipment scheduled to be removed within the next two weeks.

Old Business

Workshop to discuss playground equipment scheduled for February 21st, 5:30 P.M.

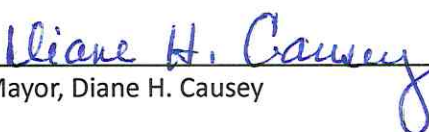
New Business

Discuss applying for Federal Grant to renovate/bring up to Code the Methodist Church – No Match:
The City will continue to research other options for Grant opportunities and will contact DCA and SWGRC.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

Motion-Johnson; Second-Mullins; Barlow-aye; Gilligan-aye; Leger-aye
Unanimously approved.



Mayor, Diane H. Causey



City Clerk, Lisa O. Sheffield

Present

Councilmember Barlow
Councilmember Gilligan
Councilmember Mullins
Councilmember Yarbrough (left prior to meeting conclusion)
Councilmember Leger
Councilmember Johnson

Absent