

City of Coolidge
Council Meeting
Official Minutes

January 10, 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 Clerk, Lisa Sheffield at the Workshop prior to the meeting.

Approve December 13, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes:

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

Speaker Appearances: None.

Approve Order of Agenda:

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

Approve Bills to be paid:

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

Finance Department

Appoint Lisa O. Sheffield as City Clerk:

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

Appoint Tommy Coleman as City Attorney:

Motion-Barlow; Second-Mullins; Yarbrough-nay; Leger-nay; Johnson-nay
Motion dead for lack of a 4-Vote majority.

Motion to table-Barlow; Second-Leger; Mullins-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Johnson-aye
Motion carried.

Appoint Stephanie Mock as Clerk of Court:

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

Appoint Mayor Pro Temp:

Motion to appoint Councilmember Adam Gilligan as Mayor Pro Temp-Barlow
Motion dead for lack of a Second.

Motion to appoint Councilmember Reece Yarbrough as Mayor Pro Temp-Leger; Second-Johnson; Barlow-nay; Mullins-nay; Yarbrough-abstained
Motion dead for lack of a 4-Vote majority.

Subject must be tabled at this time.

Approve Resolution for 2022 Budget Amendment:

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

Adopt Broadband Resolution:

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

Approve Cleaning Quote from Irma Donan for \$150.00 twice a month:

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

Accept Engagement Letter from Valenti, Rackley & Associates as City Auditor Firm for 2022 Audit:

Engagement Letter not received yet – subject must be tabled.

Discuss possible Municipal Judge candidates:

This subject will be discussed in Executive Session at a Called Meeting in the future, and Council will be notified when that meeting is scheduled.

Set Workshop to work on Report of Accomplishments and Community Work Program – January 23rd, 5:30 P.M.

Set Public Meeting for Citizen Input on Goals/Policies, Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats – January 24th, 5:30 P.M.:

Police Department

Chief Campbell was not in attendance to give the Chief's Report.

Street Department

No business to discuss.

Water and Sewer Department

Discuss/Approve estimate from Smith Electric for repair of aerator:

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

Update on Leak Repairs:

Public Works Director, Thomas Hancock gave an update on leak repairs at the Workshop before the meeting.

Sanitation Department

Discuss/Approve Rate Increase for Garbage Collection by Thomasville Utilities, to include Business Rates:

Thomasville Utilities' rate for garbage collection has increased to \$20.00 per customer per month.

Because of the rate increase by Thomasville Utilities, Council needs to decide and vote on an increase in our rate to the citizen to cover this cost and continue the service.

Mayor Causey has been checking into other companies that service the area and is still in the process of researching them as alternative possibilities for the same service. Her recommendation was to accept the rate increase and use Thomasville Utilities at least for one month until we can possibly find another company with cheaper rates.

After discussion, Council decided to stay with Thomasville Utilities with the rate increase at least for one month and to set our rate at \$21.00 per customer. Council requested a letter be sent out to all customers informing them of the rate increase.

Motion to approve-Leger; Second-Yarbrough; Barlow-originally voted nay, changed vote to aye;
Mullins-nay; Johnson-aye

Motion carried.

Discuss Yard Trimmings Total Customer Charge by Thomasville Utilities:

Not detrimental at the moment. If there is no opposition from Council, suggested by Mayor Causey to be tabled until February. Council in agreement with no opposition.

Recreation Department

Set Workshop to discuss Playground Upgrade – January 24th, 5:30 P.M.:

Workshop will be rescheduled to February.

New Business

Discuss Thomas County Animal Control Protocol:

Discussed at the Workshop before the meeting.

Discuss 2058 W. Japonica Avenue property:

The property owner, Mrs. Tonia Gentry, was present in the audience and explained she has applied for a permit to have a power pole placed on her property for a shed which has not been approved by the City as of yet. She is extremely frustrated as to what the delay is in getting her permit approved.

The permit has been sent to the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman for review to make sure all Zoning requirements are met and also because Mrs. Gentry stated to Councilmember Yarbrough when she went to talk to him at his residence that she had or would obtain an attorney. At this point, it is out of the City's hands and in the hands of the City Attorney.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

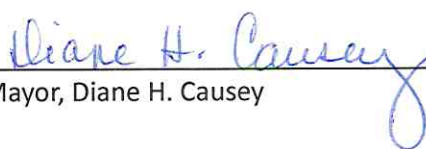
Executive Session

No Executive Session.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

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



Mayor, Diane H. Causey



Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

Councilmember Barlow
Councilmember Mullins
Councilmember Yarbrough
Councilmember Leger
Councilmember Johnson

Absent

Councilmember Gilligan