

City of Coolidge  
Workshop  
Official Minutes

January 23, 2023

5:30 P.M.

**Call to Order**

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by City Clerk, Lisa Sheffield.

At this time, Mayor Causey welcomed Barbara Reddick and Olukayode (Kay) Olubowale from the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. She thanked them for arranging to be with us tonight as well as at the Public Meeting scheduled for tomorrow night. Mayor Causey explained that the basis for this meeting is for Council, especially new Council Members, to have the opportunity to review and familiarize themselves with exactly what the Comprehensive Plan is and to ask questions of the SWGRC so that they are prepared for tomorrow night's Public Meeting if there are questions asked and to just give them a general overview.

On tonight's Agenda is to discuss the Report of Accomplishments and the Community Work Program.

Mrs. Reddick introduced herself to everyone. She is the Planning Director of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Handouts were provided to Council for reference and informational purposes. She addressed Council and explained the purpose and requirements for Cities to have a Comprehensive Plan. She further explained what the Report of Accomplishments is and what the Community Work Program is in more detail, noting that they must be updated every five (5) years.

Councilmember Leger asked about Grants available for Cities. Mrs. Reddick said there are multiple Grants available and to contact her concerning Grant funding and she would be happy to help. She also offered to put Council, the City Manager, and the Mayor on her forwarding email list to stay updated on Grants being offered. Both Mrs. Reddick and Mr. Olubowale spoke and answered questions in detail about various possible Grants.

Interim City Manager, Drew Campbell asked if a Leakage Report could be provided for the City of Coolidge to review and assess what services or items the citizens of Coolidge are going elsewhere to purchase rather than being able to spend their money on purchases in Coolidge. Mrs. Reddick said that information is no longer provided and available as it was before but that she may be able to get that information through another source and will try to do so.

Councilmember Leger asked if SWGRC could provide a list of any and all past Grants awarded to the City of Coolidge. Mrs. Reddick said yes, she will try to provide that information for us as well.

Mrs. Reddick closed this evening by asking if there were any further questions. She also stated that they will be back for the Public Meeting tomorrow night and she will bring more handouts with information for Council.

Mayor Causey thanked them again for coming and being available tonight for Council.

**Adjourn**

Workshop adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Diane H. Causey

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

**Present**

Councilmember Barlow  
Councilmember Leger  
Councilmember Johnson

**Absent**

Councilmember Gilligan  
Councilmember Mullins  
Councilmember Yarbrough