

City of Coolidge
Workshop
Official Minutes

March 14, 2023
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

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

Discuss Blight Ordinance – David Mundt:

Mayor Causey introduced Mr. David Mundt, who is the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Moultrie and who has considered contracting with the City of Coolidge as Code Enforcement Officer.

When presented with the Blight Ordinance up for Adoption at previous meetings, Council had some questions regarding the Ordinance and the wording, so Mayor Causey asked Mr. Mundt if he would come address the Blight Ordinance with Council and explain it so that everyone understands what the purpose of the Ordinance is and what it will achieve.

Mr. Mundt explained that Mayor Causey had spoken to him and expressed an interest in having Code Enforcement here in Coolidge. He explained the need for the Blight Ordinance in order to achieve the desired goal of having Code Enforcement be effective. Without the Ordinance, there is no recourse for him or the City to enforce action by property owners. "Without the enforcement arm, there is no reason to have Code Enforcement." He explained that only the property owners in violation will be the ones affected by the Ordinance and that the penalties for noncompliance are only in effect until the property owner complies and brings the property up to Code. He also explained the Ordinance applies to Commercial, Industrial, as well we residential properties. He informed Council that he will not accept the job unless the Blight Ordinance is adopted.

Mr. Mundt answered questions from Council and citizens in the audience. He also stated that he will be happy to accept calls from Council if they have any more questions.

Mayor Causey and Council thanked Mr. Mundt for coming and speaking to Council.

Council and citizens had further discussion concerning the Blight Ordinance.

Discuss Garbage and Yard Trimmings Proposal:

Due to time constraints, this subject was not able to be discussed at this time.

Discuss Agenda:

Due to time constraints, items on the Agenda were not able to be discussed at this time.

Adjourn

Workshop adjourned.

Diane H. Causey
Mayor, Diane H. Causey

Stephanie Mock
Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

Councilmember Barlow
Councilmember Leger
Councilmember Johnson

Absent

Councilmember Gilligan
Councilmember Yarbrough