

City of Coolidge
Council Meeting
Official Minutes

March 8, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The City of Coolidge regularly scheduled Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore, Council Member Gilligan at 6:30 P.M.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Drew Campbell.

Speaker Appearance:

Approve January 11, 2022, Workshop Minutes:

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

Approve January 11, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes:

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

Approve Order of Agenda with changes: Change Budget Amendments to 2021, not 2022

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

Approve Bills to be paid:

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

Administrative Department

Discuss/Approve 1st Reading of Ordinance to restrict possession of weapons at Meetings of the City Council:

Council Member Yarbrough stated he did not feel this Ordinance is necessary. Council Member Johnson agreed and stated that if someone has a Permit to carry a weapon, they should be allowed to carry it even to a Council Meeting.

Motion not to approve adoption-Yarbrough; Second-Johnson; Barlow-aye; Gilligan-aye;
Leger-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Dispense with 2nd Reading of same Ordinance and Adopt:

See above, Motion made to not Adopt

Discuss Employee Pay Scale Policy:

Interim City Manager/Chief of Police, Drew Campbell presented Council with a new Employee Pay Scale Policy and reviewed it with them. Council Member Leger expressed her opinion that she feels employees should not have to wait a year to accumulate leave time, and in reference to the Meritorious pay raise being given to only two employees per year based on evaluations, she feels that this section

of the policy would not be fair to all employees, it would affect morale, and that everyone who is doing an exceptional job should get a pay raise. She also feels that benefits should be offered to employees. These points will be taken into consideration before the final draft is submitted for approval by Council. Council would like to table discussion for these issues to be reviewed.

Rescind Previous Budget Amendments for 2021:

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

Adopt New Budgets Amendments for 2021:

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

Police Department

Chief Campbell gave the Chief's Report.

Resolution of Taurus – GovDeals – Starting Bid and Cutoff Date:

Council agreed to a Starting Bid of \$1000.00, and the Cutoff Date to be in one (1) month.

Motion to Approve-Barlow; Second-Leger; Gilligan-aye; Johnson-aye; Yarbrough-aye; Smith-aye
Unanimously approved.

Update on Purchase of Chief Patrol Vehicle:

Council Member Yarbrough expressed his opinion that, even though Council already approved a take-home vehicle for the Police Chief, he feels that it should only be provided if the Police Chief lives within the County or within a 25-mile radius. Council Member Smith voiced her opinion that she thinks the Police Chief should be provided a take-home vehicle for emergencies and reiterated that Council already approved it at a previous meeting. Council decided to table the subject for now.

Public Works Department

Public Works Director, David Carver gave the Public Works Report.

Discuss/Approve Thomasville Utilities Yard Trimmings Contract:

Council decided to table and set a meeting to discuss on March 24th, at 5:30 P.M.

Update on Sewer Improvement Project:

We will be moving forward with Chad Griffin and Still Waters Engineering.

Scoggins Paving:

Scoggins Dozer was awarded the bid to resurface the Walking Track and the Basketball Court at the August 24, 2021, Council Meeting. Their work schedule was extremely booked, but they said they would come to Coolidge and do the job as soon as they could. It has been six (6) months, we have not heard from them, and the job is still not done. City Hall has tried to contact them on multiple occasions with no success. We will contact the City Attorney to find out how to go about rescinding the bid acceptance from Scoggins and re-bid the job so it can be completed.

Mr. Carver made a presentation to Council to discuss an Insurance Program called ServLine, which is a Leak Protection Program for customers and Water and Sewer Utilities providers. He reviewed the program and what the program offers with Council. He would like to have a representative of the company come to a Workshop to give a more detailed presentation sometime in the future.

In December, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized an update to the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) which strengthens regulatory requirements to protect communities from lead in drinking water. Mr. Carver discussed the new regulations and what needs to be done to comply with the new Lead and Copper Rule.

Sanitation Department

No business to discuss.

Recreation Department

No business to discuss.

Old Business

Council Member Smith asked for an update on the Old Methodist Church restoration project and would like to discuss it further at a meeting in the future.

New Business

Council Member Leger stated she would like to get some type of shared drive to upload documents for Council to be able to review at their discretion and to be able to stay updated on various projects. She would also like to have a way available for people to make PowerPoint presentations to Council, if needed.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

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



Mayor Pro Tempore, Adam Gilligan



Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

Present

Council Member Gilligan (Mayor Pro Tempore) via teleconference
Member Barlow
Council Member Johnson
Council Member Yarbrough
Council Member Leger
Council Member Smith
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman

Absent

Mayor, Diane H. Causey Council