

**CITY OF CATOOSA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

I. Meeting Convened:

A. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Catoosa was held and called to order by Mayor Brenda Conley at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd day of January 2023 at Catoosa City Hall, 214 S. Cherokee Street, Catoosa, Oklahoma 74015. The meeting was held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and was posted in accordance therewith at least 24 hours in advance at City Hall for the purpose of discussion, consideration, and possible action on the following agenda items.

B. Invocation: Councilor Greg Williams

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Brenda Conley

Roll Call: The following council members were **present** for this meeting: Member at Large, Councilor Jonnie Mott; Ward #5, Councilor Kyle Gibson; Ward #4, Councilor Fred Williams; Ward #3, Councilor Greg Williams; Ward #2, Councilor Thomas Sweet; and Ward #1, Councilor, and Mayor Brenda Conley.

The following council member was **absent** for this meeting: Ward #6, Councilor, and Vice Mayor Russ White.

The following staff members were present for this meeting: John Blish, City Manager; Eddie Faulkner, Assistant City Manager; Vicky Sutton, City Clerk; Jamie Scrivner, Finance Director; Ronnie Benight, Police Chief; Denus Benton, Fire Chief; Chris Cieslak, City Planner; City Engineer Brian Kellogg, of Kellogg Engineering; and City Attorney Eric Wade, of Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold.

D. Public Comments:

Doug Tiffany, 2774 Stoney Ct., Catoosa, spoke to the Council regarding the homeless. I'm sure each of our councilors are aware of the homeless encampment over by Walmart. I'm here today as a citizen, to express my sadness at what is

going on, and the safety issues that have been brought to light. As a citizen, I just wanted to come tonight and let you know that until things are cleaned up my family will not be doing any shopping or spending any money in the Catoosa Hills area. We have already started spending our money in other communities, and I realize it is just a drop in the bucket, but I wanted to come to you tonight and let you know what I'm doing with my tax money. You can take that as you want. I know we are having an election in April, so depending on how things get addressed my vote will carry along with that. I appreciate your time.

II. Consent Agenda:

Information: Consideration and appropriate action relating to a request for City Council approval of the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the **January 9, 2023**, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of Regular and Prepaid Claims

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve the consent agenda. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

III. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

IV. Agenda Items:

Item #1: 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Audit

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to approve the audit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #2: Rogers County Farmers Market Presentation

This item has been tabled.

Item #3: Rolling Hills Splash Pad Change Order No. 1

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Rolling Hills Splash Pad Park Project to substitute the

prefab restroom building for a facility built on site by the contractor with no change in cost to the city. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #4: Pay Request No. 6 Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex Design

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve Pay Request No. 6 from GH2 Architects, LLC for the Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex design in the amount of \$24,355.50. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #5: Pay Request No. 1 Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex Construction Management

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Myers-Cherry Construction, LLC for the Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex construction management in the amount of \$45,969.67. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #6: Temporary Workspace Easement – Oklahoma Natural Gas

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to allow Oklahoma Natural Gas company to utilize city owned property located at N. 161st E. Ave and E. Pine St. (Lot 1 and 2 Block 1 Highland Acres II Amended) as a temporary workspace during the roadway widening project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documentation. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #7: City of Catoosa Municipal Court-Judge Reappointment

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Patrick Abitbol to serve as the Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Catoosa for a (2) year term expiring January 31, 2025. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #8: City of Catoosa Municipal Court-Alternate Judge Appointment

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kathy Lahmeyer to serve as the Alternate Municipal Court Judge for a (2) year term expiring January 31, 2025. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #9: Museum Appointment

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to appoint Jennifer Nash to the Museum Board. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #10: Revised Schedule of Regular Board of Adjustment Meetings

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve a revised schedule changing the date and time of the regular Board of Adjustment meetings to follow the regular Planning Commission meetings at 6:30 p.m. for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year. The location of the meetings is unchanged. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

V. New Business: There was no new business.

VI. City Manager Report: John Blish, City Manager informed the City Council of the following:

- We have identified over 40 leaks within our sewer system. Kelly King Company has been digging up and repairing the major water leaks. The City Maintenance department has resealed approximately 30 manholes.
- The LibertyFest fireworks and carnival contracts will be on an upcoming agenda.
- It is time to start working on the budget; we will start meeting with the different departments soon.
- We will begin Police and Fire negotiations in the next month.
- The groundbreaking ceremony for the Hamby-Lynch complex will be February 2nd at 10:30 a.m.
- The Congress of Mayors conference will be held February 9th - February 10th.

- The annual Catoosa Chamber Banquet will be held February 4th.
- We have a lot of projects happening right now. The soccer complex will start sometime this week.
- The maintenance department has been out brining the streets in anticipation of the bad weather coming.
- We had a joint helicopter crash training exercise with Catoosa Fire Department, Catoosa Police Department, Verdigris Fire Department, Pafford EMS and the Army National Guard at the Verdigris River. We were able to use the drone to help locate the area of the crash site which was a big help.
- We are testing out the new FLOCK camera safety system that Tulsa has been utilizing. We will be testing with 10 cameras; we have 4 installed at this time. We recovered stolen vehicles using the cameras the very first day.

VII: Council Comments:

- Councilor at Large, Jonnie Mott asked how many cameras we have purchased?

VIII: Adjourn:

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to adjourn.
 The motion passed with the following votes: **(6:30 PM)**

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Fred Williams-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 2023

Vicky Sutton, City Clerk

Brenda Conley, Mayor