

**CITY OF CATOOSA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020
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 6:08 p.m. on Monday, the 10th day of February, 2020 at Catoosa City Hall, 214 S. Cherokee, Catoosa, Oklahoma. 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

D. Roll Call: The following council members were **present** for this meeting: Member at Large Councilor Jonnie Mott; Ward #6, Councilor and Vice Mayor Russ White; Ward #5, Councilor Kyle Gibson; Ward #4, Councilor Fred Williams; Ward #3, Councilor Greg Williams and Ward #1 and Mayor Brenda Conley.

The following council member was **absent** for this meeting: Ward #2, Councilor Thomas Sweet.

The following staff members were present for this meeting: John Blish, City Manager; Vicky Sutton, City Clerk; Ronnie Benight, Police Chief; Denus Benton, Fire Chief; Eddie Faulkner, Assistant City Planner; Jesse Payne, PWA Maintenance Director and City Attorney Eric Wade, of Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold.

E. Public Comments: NONE

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 27, 2020** Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of Regular and Prepaid Claims

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

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Russ White-aye
Fred 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: Dick Duck Cemetery Board

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to approve the Cemetery board for Dick Duck Cemetery to include Greg Williams, Brenda Conley, Fred Williams, Angela Sweet and Jesse Payne and commission the members to establish guidelines, rules and bylaws for the Cemetery board, with meetings to be conducted the first Thursday of the month until which time permanent guidelines are adopted by the City Council. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Russ White-aye
Fred Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Item #2: Fire and Police Radio Discussion

A presentation was made by Chief Benton and Chief Benight regarding current and future radio networks for the City of Catoosa. No action was taken.

Item #3: Proposed Executive Session

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to enter into Executive Session.

The motion **passed** with the following votes: **(6:47 PM)**

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye

Kyle Gibson-aye

Greg Williams-aye

Vice-Mayor Russ White-aye

Fred Williams-aye

Jonnie Mott-aye

Statement of Executive Session Minutes:

Mayor Brenda Conley acknowledged the City Council returned to open session at **8:01 P.M.** During executive session, the City Council held confidential communications regarding the matters listed under Agenda Item #3 on the agenda for this meeting. The City Attorney was present for the purposes of discussing **(A)** confidential communications with its attorney concerning pending litigation, to wit: *John Rogne v. City of Catoosa*, Rogers County District Court Case No. CJ-2014-420, the Council having been advised by its attorney that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the City to process or conduct the litigation in the public interest, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307(B)(4) of the Oklahoma Statutes; and **(B)** the purchase or appraisal of certain real property located in the City of Catoosa, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307(B)(3) of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- A. Vote to convene in executive session.
- B. Acknowledge return to open session.
- C. Statement of executive session minutes.

No other matters were discussed and no votes were taken.

V: New Business: There was no new business.

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

- Resurfacing has begun on a section of Rice Street between Cherokee and Reasor's.
- Installation of auto read meters will begin the week of March 1st.
- We are getting bids for the roof at Animal Control due to a leak. We have been doing some remodeling; cleaning, painting and flooring.
- We are compiling some addresses for a possible CDBG grant survey for asphalt overlay on the West side. We are hopeful some of the neighborhoods on the West side will qualify.
- Jesse is working with OMAG for a matching grant for a sewer camera; we are getting quotes and setting up demos.
- We are continuing to auction surplus items online; Eddie sold a backhoe for \$13,000 and a 1993 dump truck for \$3,100 this past week.

- We have a pre-construction meeting scheduled the 21st with ODOT regarding Pine Street.

VII: Council Comments:

- Councilor Kyle Gibson asked if we know what end they are going to start the Pine Street project on?
- Mayor Brenda Conley asked if we've had any response from ODOT regarding Pine Street?
- Mayor Brenda Conley stated that Thomas, Greg and herself went to the Mayor's convention in Oklahoma City. OML is trying to present to the House of Representatives to get broad band all across the state. There are billions of dollars through the USDA that we as a City can apply for to make us a utility provider. The grants are available now and we should apply.
- Mayor Brenda Conley stated the street light is out at Cromwell and Rollins.
- Councilor Fred Williams thanked the City for doing a great job snow plowing.
- Councilor Fred Williams has a stop sign at 3rd Street and 201st that is totally white.
- Mayor Brenda Conley asked who is responsible for the striping on 193rd and Cherokee? She received two calls regarding issues coming off the bypass to get over.

VIII: Adjourn:

A motion was made by **Fred Williams** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to adjourn.

The motion passed with the following votes: **(8:12 PM)**

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Russ White-aye
Fred Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-aye

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 2020

Vicky Sutton, City Clerk

Brenda Conley, Mayor