

MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2017 7:00 P.M.

The members of the Coweta City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Coweta City Hall, 310 South Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Evette Morris, Steve Garman, Steve Sinclair, Randy Woodward, Billy Embrey.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: David Weatherford, Brittany Long, Doug Black, Rob Werley, Chip Cohrs, Hal Bumgarner, Paula Emmons, Mike Bell, Tom Young, Lacey Carothers.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morris.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance given.
- III. Roll call taken. Councilmembers present and absent as shown above.
- IV. GENERAL CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no general comments.

V. CONSENT

Motion by Steve Garman, second by Steve Sinclair, to approve consent calendar items:

1. Minutes of the Coweta City Council regular meeting held on May 1, 2017.
2. May 2017 payroll figures for the General Fund in the amount of \$235,207.84 and \$0.00 for the Self-Insurance Fund.
3. Approved the authorization for the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2017-11, a resolution whereby the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, agrees to make payments to the Coweta Public Works Authority in amounts sufficient to pay principal and interest on the Authority's Utility System Revenue Bonds.
4. Approved the declaration of surplus on one (1) 2009 Dodge Charger (VIN# 2B3LA43T69H620739) and authorize the City Manager to dispose of accordingly.
5. Approved the authorization for the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2017-12, a

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resolution providing for a supplemental appropriation to the General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and the Rural Fire Fund.

6. Approved the authorization for the Mayor to sign a modification to the Parks and Recreation Use Agreement with Coweta Youth Sports Association (CYS).
7. Approved the authorization for the Mayor to sign a modification to the Parks and Recreation Use Agreement with Coweta Soccer Club (CSC).
8. Approved the reappointment of Kathleen Robinson to the Coweta Board of Adjustment, for a term expiring on June 1, 2020.
9. Approved the reappointment of Carter Mathews to the Coweta Planning Commission, for a term expiring on June 1, 2020.
10. Approved the reappointment of Melanie Lander to the Coweta Planning Commission, for a term expiring on June 1, 2020.
11. Approved the reappointment of Tara Ripperger, to the Coweta Library Board, for a term expiring on July 1, 2020.
12. Approved the appointment of Angie Hetherington, to the Coweta Library Board, for a term expiring on July 1, 2020.
13. Approved the appointment of Jan Puckett, to the Coweta Library Board, for a term expiring on July 1, 2020.

Aye: Billy Embrey  
Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Steve Garman  
Evette Morris

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Presented of the 2017 Ralph Mahan Citizenship Award to Mike Walker for his outstanding work at the Bruner Cemetery.

Consideration given to a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign an economic development agreement with the Coweta Industrial Development Authority and Restinvest II. Developer Rick Verity presented his plan for a new Taco Bueno located at the old Yocham Property (506 N Broadway), which will be opened by June 1, 2018. Mr. Verity is looking forward to working with the City and is very satisfied at Coweta's generosity. Taco Bueno was voted

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the number one Tex-Mex Restaurant nationally and this location will create around 50 jobs. Christy Wheeland with the Wagoner County American Tribune stood up and stated she is excited and it will be one of the best headlines in the paper for a long time.

Motion by Evette Morris, second by Randy Woodward authorizing the Mayor to sign an economic development agreement with the Coweta Industrial Development Authority and Reinvest II.

Aye: Billy Embrey  
Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Steve Garman  
Evette Morris

Consideration given to a motion authorizing the City Manager to sign a 2017 Holiday Shop Coweta contract with the Coweta Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Evette Morris presented the success Coweta has had in the past with the program.

Motion by Steve Sinclair, second by Billy Embrey, authorizing the City Manager to sign a 2017 Holiday Shop Coweta contract with the Coweta Chamber of Commerce.

Aye: Billy Embrey  
Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Steve Garman  
Evette Morris

Consideration given to a motion authorizing the City Manager to proceed with, and fund, water infiltration remediation activities at Coweta City Hall and the Coweta Public Library. Jason Howard with Disaster Restoration Services explained the process of the needed remediation. He explained that all areas are contained, as safety was the main concern of the City Manager. The information provided was for the demolition only, not the repairs, due to the unknown circumstances behind the water infiltration.

Motion by Steve Garman, second by Randy Woodward, authorizing the City Manager to proceed with, and fund, water infiltration remediation activities at Coweta City Hall and the Coweta Public Library.

Aye: Billy Embrey  
Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Steve Garman  
Evette Morris

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Councilmember Billy Embrey read a prepared statement and provided a copy to the City Clerk's Office:

Mayor, I received several phone calls over the weekend in regards to this agenda item inquiring into the conflict by council when dealing with State Statue on personnel issues. Is council willing to open Pandora's Box on a harmful action against a person by personal grievance, be it real or perceived, and using such to right a wrong by going outside of the law must not be the agenda of this council. All members of this council should be aware of the legality involved in breach of contractual agreement on or against any individual of this City. Furthermore we must not allow inanities outside our community to dictate our duties as a council, being said I move that this item be stricken from the agenda and I make such motion.

Motion to have the Executive Session stricken from the agenda second by Steve Garman.

Aye: Billy Embrey  
Steve Garman

Nay: Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Evette Morris

Motion is denied.

Motion by Evette Morris, second by Steve Sinclair to enter into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Aye: Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Evette Morris

Nay: Billy Embrey  
Steve Garman

Mayor Morris announced that Council was back in open session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Steve Sinclair, second by Randy Woodward, to terminate the employment agreement with Steven C. Whitlock.

Aye: Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Evette Morris

Nay: Billy Embrey  
Steve Garman

Councilmember Billy Embrey and Vice-Mayor Steve Garman resigned as delegates of their respective wards and left the meeting.

City Planner Tom Young addressed Council and informed them he believes they have made a mistake by firing Mr. Whitlock because he is the best City Manager that Coweta has ever had.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

*Evette Morris*

Evette Morris, Mayor

*Brittany Long*  
Brittany Long, City Clerk



MINUTES OF THE COWETA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2017 7:00 P.M.

The Trustees of the Coweta Public Works Authority met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coweta City Hall, 310 South Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Evette Morris, Steve Sinclair, Randy Woodward.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: David Weatherford, Brittany Long, Rob Werley, Chip Cohrs, Hal Bumgarner, Paula Emmons, Tom Young.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morris.

II. ROLL CALL

Trustees present and absent as shown above.

III. CONSENT

Motion by Evette Morris, second by Steve Sinclair, to approve consent calendar items:

1. Minutes of the Coweta Public Works Authority regular meeting held on May 1, 2017.
2. May 2017 payroll figures for the Coweta Public Works Authority in the amount of \$93,976.58 and the Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$137,320.72.
3. Approved the authorization for the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2017-13, a resolution providing for a supplemental appropriation to the Coweta Public Works Authority Fund and the Ambulance Fund.

Aye: Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Evette Morris

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.



Evette Morris, Chairman



Brittany Long, Trust Secretary



MINUTES OF THE COWETA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2017 7:00 P.M.

The Trustees of the Coweta Industrial Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coweta City Hall, 310 South Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Evette Morris, Steve Sinclair, Randy Woodward.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: David Weatherford, Brittany Long, Rob Werley, Chip Cohrs, Hal Bumgarner, Paula Emmons, Tom Young.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morris.

II. ROLL CALL

Trustees present and absent as shown above.

III. CONSENT

Motion by Steve Sinclair, second by Randy Woodward, to approve consent calendar items:

1. Minutes of the Coweta Industrial Development Authority regular meeting held on May 1, 2017.
2. Approved the authorization for the Chairman to sign an agreement with Prenivi, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, in reference to the development and construction of a hotel within the City of Coweta, Oklahoma.
3. Approved the authorization for the Chairman to sign an economic development agreement with the City of Coweta and Restinvest II.
4. Approved the authorization for the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2017-14, a resolution providing for a supplemental appropriation to the Coweta Industrial Development Authority Fund.

Aye: Randy Woodward  
Steve Sinclair  
Evette Morris



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IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

  
Evette Morris, Chairman

  
Harold Chance, Secretary

