

MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2013

7:00 P.M.

The members of the Coweta City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Coweta City Hall, 310 South Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Morton, Billy Embrey, Roy Dale, Timothy Kelley, Steve Garman.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Whitlock, David Weatherford, Joyce Terry, Tom Tillotson, Rob Werley, Chip Cohrs, Derrick Palmer, Hal Bumgarner, Tom Young, Kathleen Easley, Paula Emmons.

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

Steve Whitlock mentioned the recent death of former Mayor and Fire Chief Bill Osburn.

V. CONSENT

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

1. Minutes of the Coweta City Council Regular Meeting of March 4, 2013.
2. Application No. 6 and Certificate for Payment to Crossland Heavy Contractors in the amount of \$488,084.56, on the Water Treatment Facility Process Improvements (Phase 2) project.
3. Reappointment of Phil Roland to the Coweta Planning Commission for a term expiring June 17, 2016.
4. Resolution No. 2013-09, a resolution proclaiming April 2013 as Fair Housing Month in Coweta, Oklahoma.
5. Resolution No. 2013-12, a resolution providing a supplemental appropriation to the CDBG Savings Fund and the Coweta Public Works Authority Fund.

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Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion held regarding possible action on the reappointment of Dennis Sagely as Coweta Municipal Judge and Robert "Bob" Perugino as the Coweta Alternate Municipal Court Judge in compliance with the Coweta Code of Ordinances.

Motion by Robert Morton, second by Billy Embrey, to reappoint Dennis Sagely as Coweta Municipal Judge and Robert "Bob" Perugino as the Coweta Alternate Municipal Court Judge in compliance with the Coweta Code of Ordinances.

Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

Discussion held regarding possible action on the acceptance of the audited Basic Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012. Ms. Pam Dotson, auditor with the firm of Wilson, Dotson and Associates, presented the audit to Councilmembers, and pointed out page 10 of the audit shows that the City is managing the assets very well. Ms. Dotson advised that they found no instance that City staff was not following regulations, and if they had found anything, it would be shown on page forty-one of this audit.

Motion by Roy Dale, second by Billy Embrey, to accept the audited Basic Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012.

Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

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Consideration was given to a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2012-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, establishing guidelines for fire and ambulance services to rural areas surrounding the City of Coweta. City Manager Steve Whitlock advised that this item is on the agenda because of a pending bill in the Oklahoma legislature, which if approved, would give counties the authority to set fire district boundaries for municipalities. City Attorney David Weatherford presented an amended resolution that is a shorter version of the resolution in the Council packet, and advised that the amended resolution will establish the legal boundary of the fire district for the City of Coweta at the city limits; however, it does not eliminate the current rural fire membership/subscription service currently in effect. Council had a long discussion related to the financial impact of continuing to serve County residents with the rural membership program with such a low participation of County residents at this time, the financial impact of County residents that may not continue shopping at businesses within the City if the fire or ambulance department will no longer respond to their property, and whether or not fire/ambulance personnel will be able to respond appropriately to City residents if they are responding outside the city limits.

Motion by Timothy Kelley, second by Billy Embrey, to authorize the Mayor to sign amended Resolution No. 2012-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, establishing guidelines for fire and ambulance services to rural areas surrounding the City of Coweta.

Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

Consideration was given to a motion approving the Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan. At 6:55 p.m., and prior to the City Council regular meeting, City Manager Steven Whitlock opened the Public Hearing, for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations on future community development needs within the City of Coweta, and called for comments from the audience. After no comments, Mr. Whitlock closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

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Motion by Robert Morton, second by Steve Garman, to approve Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan.

Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

Consideration was given to a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2013-10, a resolution regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): 2013 Small Cities Program administered by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

Motion by Billy Embrey, second by Roy Dale, to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2013-10, a resolution regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): 2013 Small Cities Program administered by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

Consideration was given to a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2013-11, a resolution relating to a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for water main line improvements, committing up to \$75,000 as leverage from the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, and authorizing the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents on the CDBG program for the water main line improvements within the City of Coweta, Oklahoma.

Motion by Billy Embrey, second by Timothy Kelley, to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2013-11, a resolution relating to a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for water main line improvements, committing up to \$75,000 as leverage from the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, and authorizing the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents on the CDBG program for the water main line improvements within the City of Coweta, Oklahoma.

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Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

Discussion held regarding possible action on an update on the current water and wastewater capital improvement projects. City Engineer Chip Cohrs provided an update on construction progress made at the water treatment plant. No action taken.

Consideration was given to a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2012-14, a resolution requesting programing of Tulsa Urbanized Area Transportation Alternative Funds for the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle trail along State Highway 51 from 141<sup>st</sup> Street to 305<sup>th</sup> East Avenue. After presentation by Community Development Director Kathleen Easley, consensus to put this item on the agenda for the special Council meeting scheduled for April 12, 2013.

Consideration was given to a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2013-15, a resolution requesting programing of Tulsa urbanized Area Transportation Alternative Funds for the construction of a sidewalk along Pecan Street from Broadway to 305<sup>th</sup> East Avenue. After presentation by Community Development Director Kathleen Easley, consensus to put this item on the agenda for special meeting to be held April 12, 2013.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Motion by Timothy Kelley, second by Roy Dale, to go into Executive Session.

Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussions held related to a pending claim involving Rural Water District No.5 v. City of Coweta in accordance with 25 O.S. § 307, B(4).

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Discussions held related to the FY 2013-2014 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 3483, in accordance with O.S. 25 §307, B(2).

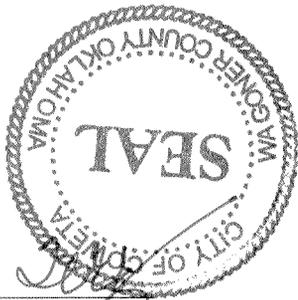
Discussions held related to a performance review with City Manager Steven C. Whitlock in accordance with 25 O.S. §307, B(1).

Motion by Roy Dale, second by Billy Embrey, to return to open meeting.

Aye: Steve Garman  
Roy Dale  
Timothy Kelley  
Billy Embrey  
Robert Morton

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morton adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.



  
Joyce Terry, City Clerk

  
Robert Morton, Mayor