

**CITY OF CATOOSA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2018
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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, the 25th day of June, 2018, 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: Andy Henson, Table Church

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Brenda Conley

D. Roll Call: The following council members were **present** for this meeting: Ward#6 Councilor Russ White; Ward #4, Councilor Shawn Battles; Ward#3, Councilor Greg Williams; Ward #2, Councilor and Vice Mayor Thomas Sweet; Member at Large Councilor Derrick Hildebrant; Ward #1 and Mayor Brenda Conley.

The following staff members were present for this meeting: John Blish, Acting City Manager; Wendy Knight, City Clerk; Denus Benton, Fire Chief; Andy Wimberley, Police Lieutenant; Jesse Payne, PWA Foreman; and City Attorney Eric Wade, of Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold.

E. Public Comments:
There were no public comments.

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 June 11, 2018 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Regular and Prepaid Claims
3. Approval of Financial Statements for May 2018

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

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Shawn Battles-aye
Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye	Russ White-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Derrick Hildebrant-aye

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

IV. Agenda Items:

Item #1: 2018 Rolling Hills Addition Street Rehabilitation – Phase II Project

A motion was made by **Derrick Hildebrant** and seconded by **Shawn Battles** to award the 2018 Rolling Hills Addition Street Rehabilitation – Phase II Project to Paragon Contractors, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$265,069.20, subject to final review and approval of the bid, proof of the required bonds and insurance, and mutual approval and execution of the contract. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Shawn Battles-aye
Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye	Russ White-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Derrick Hildebrant-aye

Item #2: Ward 5 City Council Vacancy

An introduction of Kyle Gibson, a local contractor of 25 years and has resided in Ward 5 for 38 years, was made. No action was taken.

Item #3: Renewal of FY 2018-2019 Workers' Compensation Plan

A motion was made by **Derrick Hildebrant** and seconded by **Shawn Battles** to approve the FY 2018-2019 Renewal Participation Agreement between Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) and the City of Catoosa. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Shawn Battles-aye
Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye	Russ White-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Derrick Hildebrant-aye

Item #4: Grand Gateway Membership Renewal

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to approve the Grand Gateway Annual Membership for FY 2018-2019. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Shawn Battles-aye
Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye	Russ White-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Derrick Hildebrant-aye

Item #5: New Fire Truck Change Order

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to approve the change order from Jon's Mid America Fire Apparatus, in the amount of \$16,984.00. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Shawn Battles-aye
Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye	Russ White-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Derrick Hildebrant-aye

Item #6: Construction of New Police and/or Fire Station

A discussion was held regarding the process/steps for constructing a new police and/or fire station, including, but not limited to, discussion of possible locations and funding mechanisms. No action was taken.

Item #7: Proposed Executive Session

A motion was made by **Shawn Battles** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to enter into executive session. The motion **passed** with the following votes: **(6:17 PM)**

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Shawn Battles-aye
Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye	Russ White-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Derrick Hildebrant-aye

Statement of Executive Session Minutes:

Mayor Brenda Conley acknowledged the City Council returned to open session at **6:51 PM**. During executive session, the City Council held confidential communications regarding the matters listed under Agenda Item #7 on the agenda for this meeting. The City attorney was present for the discussions pertaining to **(1)** the employment and hiring of a City Manager, including reviewing and discussing specific candidates for the position of City Manager, the disclosure of which would violate the confidentiality rights of the candidates under state or federal law, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 (B)(1) and (7) of the Oklahoma Statutes; and **(2)** discussing the employment, compensation, bonus and retirement benefits for Interim City Manager John Blish; the disclosure of which would violate the confidentiality rights of Mr. Blish under state or federal law, as authorized by Title 25, Sections 307 (B)(1) and (&) of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- a. Vote to convene in executive session.
- b. Acknowledge return to open session.
- c. Statement of executive session minutes.

The Mayor stated that there has been a set back on the City Manager Search, and we will be starting the process over again.

Item #8: Compensation for Interim City Manager

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Shawn Battles** to approve a bonus for \$3,000.00 to John. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Shawn Battles-aye
Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye	Russ White-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Derrick Hildebrant-aye

Item #9: City Manager Search

A motion was made by **Russ White** and seconded by **Shawn Battles** to start the City Manager search process over again with the same committee that we have had in the previous search – with the same rules and stipulations, everything we did last time, let's just do it again for 30 days. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Shawn Battles-aye
Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye	Russ White-aye
Greg Williams-aye	Derrick Hildebrant-aye

V: New Business: There was no new business.

- VI: City Manager Report:** John Blish informed the City Council of the following:
- Should see the bridge at 193rd and Dead Dog Road completed in the next 2 weeks.
 - Woodcrest lift station – waiting on parts to come in. Have had a couple of meetings with electrical contractor.
 - City Maintenance has been out using the dura-patch machine, and they have spotted a couple of areas of concern.
 - Have gotten employees signed up on City insurance, a few positive changes for us.
 - They will be seeing information in the next couple of weeks, ODOT engineers have been getting some 161st project - I44 to Pine answers. Should see some things move pretty fast.
 - May have some possible solutions for roads in Shadow Valley.
 - LibertyFest week, will be busy with preparations. It kicks off this Saturday at 4:00.

VII: Council Comments: Mayor Brenda said we need volunteers for LibertyFest. Derrick Hildebrant asked what the strategy is for Shadow Valley roads.

VIII: Adjourn:

A motion was made by **Shawn Battles** and seconded by **Derrick Hildebrant** to adjourn. The motion passed with the following votes: **(7:03PM)**

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye

Shawn Battles-aye

Vice-Mayor Thomas Sweet-aye

Russ White-aye

Greg Williams-aye

Derrick Hildebrant-aye

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 2018

Wendy Knight, City Clerk

Brenda Conley, Mayor