

**CITY OF CATOOSA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JULY 2 2019
SPECIAL MEETING**

I. Meeting Convened

A. Call to Order: A special 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 Tuesday, the 2nd day of July, 2019 at Catoosa City Hall, 214 S.Cherokee, Catoosa, Oklahoma. The special 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. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Brenda Conley

C. Roll Call: The following council members were **present** for this meeting: Ward #6, Councilor and Vice Mayor Russ White; Ward #5, Councilor Kyle Gibson; Ward #4, Councilor Fred Williams; Ward #3, Councilor Greg Williams; Member at Large Councilor Jonnie Mott; Ward #2, Councilor Thomas Sweet and Ward #1 and Mayor Brenda Conley.

The following staff members were present for this meeting: Vicky Sutton, City Clerk; Andy Wimberley, Interim Police Chief; Detective Courtney Bates; Terry Whiteley, City Planner; Eddie Faulkner, Assistant City Planner; Denus Benton, Fire Chief; Jesse Payne, PWA Maintenance Director; Firefighter Donnie Conley and City Attorney Eric Wade, of Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold

II. Agenda Items:

Item #1: Proposed Executive Session

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to enter into executive session. The motion **passed** with the following votes: **(6:02 PM)**

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

Statement of Executive Session Minutes:

Mayor Brenda Conley acknowledged the City Council returned to open session at 6:19 **PM**. During executive session, the City Council held confidential communications regarding the matters listed under Agenda Item #1 on the agenda

for this meeting. The acting City attorney was present for (1) discussing the employment of John Blish as City Manager, the disclosure of which would violate the confidentiality rights of Mr. Blish under state or federal law, as authorized by Title 25, Section 307(B)(1) and (7) of the Oklahoma Statutes; and (2) discussing the appointment of qualified administrative officers of the City to serve as Acting City Manager during Mr. Blish's current leave of absence, the disclosure of which would violate confidentiality rights under state or federal law, as authorized by Title 25, Section 307(B)(1) and (7) of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

No matters were discussed and no votes were taken.

Item #2: Appointment of Acting City Manager

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to appoint, effective immediately, Denus Benton and Jesse Payne as Co-Acting City Managers, to work collaboratively and in consultation with City officials and the City Attorney, whenever appropriate, to perform the administration of City government during John Blish's current leave of absence. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

III: Adjourn:

A motion was made by **Russ White** and seconded by **Thomas Sweet** to adjourn. The motion passed with the following votes: **(6:23 PM)**

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

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 2019

Vicky Sutton, City Clerk

Brenda Conley, Mayor