

**CITY OF CATOOSA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2023  
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 6:06 p.m. on Monday, the 9th day of January 2023 at Catoosa City Hall, 214 S. Cherokee Street, Catoosa, Oklahoma 74015. 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; Eddie Faulkner, Assistant City Manager; Vicky Sutton, City Clerk; Ronnie Benight, Police Chief; Denus Benton, Fire Chief; Chris Cieslak, City Planner; and City Attorney Eric Wade, of Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold.

**E. Public Comments:**

Janie Riddle, President, Friends of the Catoosa Public Library spoke to the Council regarding a letter they received requesting that they dissolve. The Friends of the Catoosa Public Library Board does not wish to dissolve and wishes to resolve any issues that may be occurring.

**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 **December 10, 2022**, Special Meeting
- 2) Approval of Minutes of the **December 12, 2022**, Regular Meeting
- 3) Approval of Minutes of the **December 16, 2022**, Special Meeting
- 4) Approval of Regular and Prepaid Claims
- 5) Approval of Financial Statements for November 2022
- 6) Pay Request No. 15 – Place Strategies, Inc. – Comprehensive Plan – in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00
- 7) Reappointment of Allen Ward to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term expiring January 1, 2026
- 8) Reappointment of Jon Brown to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term expiring January 1, 2026
- 9) Grand Gateway Representative-Reappointment of Thomas Sweet as representative, and Eddie Faulkner as alternate to the Grand Gateway Board of Directors for 2023

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** 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: Catoosa Public Schools Bond Election Presentation**

A presentation was made by Catoosa Public Schools Superintendent Robert Schornick and Assistant Superintendent Josh Brown regarding the upcoming Bond Election. No action was taken.

**Item #2: Resolution No. 2023-595**

A motion was made by **Jonnie Mott** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to adopt a resolution supporting the Catoosa Public Schools Bond Election taking place on February 14, 2023. 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 #3: Settlement Agreement for the Purchase of Right-of-Way on Parcels 27.1 and 28.1 owned by Al and Sharon Walkner**

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to approve a Settlement Agreement with Al and Sharon Walkner to purchase permanent right-of-way easement on Parcel 27.1 and Parcel 28.1, Lots 1 and 14 Block 9 of Highland Acres Second Addition, for the Road Improvement Project on 161st East Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, according to the recorded plat thereof; and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents, in the form approved by the City Attorney, that are reasonably necessary to effectuate the settlement. 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 #4: Pay Request No. 5 Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex Design**

A motion was made by **Jonnie Mott** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to approve Pay Request No. 5 from GH2 Architects, LLC for the Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex design in the amount of \$121,777.50. 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 #5: Ordinance No. 2023-387-Z**

A motion was made by **Russ White** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to adopt a rezoning request from RS-6 to CG for the use of a Self-Improvement Center for the applicant Edward P. Michels located at approximately 100 Shawnee, City of Catoosa, Oklahoma 74015. 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 #6: Emergency Clause Ordinance No. 2023-387-Z**

A motion was made by **Russ White** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2023-387-Z.

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 #7: Ordinance No. 2023-388-Z**

- Mayor Conley opened a comment period for item #7 at 6:21 p.m. to allow the public or city councilors to make any comments or ask any questions.
- There were no comments from the public.
- Councilor Fred Williams asked if they will be putting up a privacy fence for the residential area?
- Assistant City Manager Eddie Faulkner responded stating that the Zoning Code requires a screened fence between Zoning Districts.
- Mayor Conley closed the comment period at 6:24 p.m.

A motion was made by **Fred Williams** and seconded by **Russ White** to adopt a rezoning request from CH to RM-1 for the purpose of expansion of the multi-family apartment complex for the applicant, Nicole Watts on behalf of Jack Meyer, Oakmont Properties LLC. Located at 20308 East Admiral Place, Catoosa Oklahoma 74015.

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 #8: Emergency Clause Ordinance No. 2023-388-Z**

A motion was made by **Russ White** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2023-388-Z. 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 #9: Ordinance No. 2023-389-Z**

- Mayor Conley opened a comment period for item #9 at 6:27 p.m. to allow the public or city councilors to make any comments or ask any questions.
- There were no comments from the public.
- Councilor at Large Jonnie Mott asked if the “parking garage” means that the apartment above will have their own garage underneath it or does that mean something else?
- Applicant Nicole Watts, of Wallace Design Collective responded stating that the orange buildings are single-garage units that do not have anything above them.
- Mayor Conley closed the comment period at 6:31 p.m.

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to adopt a major amendment to the existing Oakmont PUD for additional multi-family residential use located at 20202 East Admiral Place, Catoosa Oklahoma, 74015.

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 #10: Emergency Clause Ordinance No. 2023-389-Z**

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2023-389-Z. 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 #11: Ordinance No. 2023-390-Z**

A motion was made by **Jonnie Mott** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to adopt a rezoning request from RS-10 to CH to allow a Use Unit 1224 / Storage NEC for the applicant David and Debra Brewer, located at 1116 N. 161<sup>st</sup> E. Ave, Tulsa, OK 74116. 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 #12: Emergency Clause Ordinance No. 2023-390-Z**

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2023-390-Z. 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 #13: To Declare Certain Equipment Surplus – Police Department**

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Russ White** to declare one (1) Gen4 Glock Model 22 .40 caliber pistol, serial number XCD878 with three magazines and one (1) gunlock; and one (1) Remington Model 870 Express Magnum 12-gauge shotgun, serial number A940249M and one (1) gunlock as surplus for Master Patrol Officer, Brandon E. Hill to receive said handgun and shotgun in commemoration of years of service to the City of Catoosa Police Department. 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 #14: Resolution No. 2023-594 Notice of Nonpartisan General Election**

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to adopt Resolution No. 2023-594, a resolution providing notice of election to the Rogers

County Election Board of a Nonpartisan General Election, to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. 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 #15: Purchase of Community Development Department Vehicle**

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to approve the purchase of a 2022 Silverado 1500 Work Truck from Classic Chevrolet in Owasso for the Community Development Department in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00.

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

**V. New Business:** There was no new business.

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

- We are still videoing our sewer lines and finding several leaks. We have some developmental plans from Brian that will allow us to fix them relatively inexpensively.
- We have a new employee that will be starting at the Blue Whale on the 17th.
- We currently still have an administrative assistant position open at City Hall.
- The Rodger Berry Sports Complex overlay and expansion project for the parking lot started last week.
- In regard to the Blue Whale, Lieutenant Governor Pinnell and Representative O'Donnell, met with us to specifically discuss ways to approach the new Route 66 Commission of Oklahoma. The state has funded that commission with six-million dollars a year for the next six-years. It will be very lucrative for those of us with attractions along Route 66. It will be very helpful for us to improve our park, along with the grant that we applied for that will improve our trail system between Rodger Berry and the Blue Whale Phase I and Phase II projects.
- Bid packet openings for the Police and Fire department buildings will be January 12th.
- The Hamby-Lynch Groundbreaking Ceremony will be January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- We are still moving forward with the Rolling Hills Splash Pad.
- We are putting up some new lamps to light the area out front.

**VII: Council Comments: NONE**

**VIII: Adjourn:**

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

The motion passed with the following votes: **(6:51 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023**

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**Vicky Sutton, City Clerk**

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**Brenda Conley, Mayor**