

**CITY OF CATOOSA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 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 6:09 p.m. on Monday, the 13th day of February 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

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

The following council member was **absent** for this meeting: Ward #6, Councilor, and Vice Mayor Russ White.

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.

**D. Public Comments:**

Will Barnes, Spunky Creek Homeowners Association board member, spoke to the council regarding the effects that new development will have on the water flow in Spunky Creek.

Carol Ward, Spunky Creek Homeowners Association member spoke to the council regarding the soccer field implications to the neighborhood from the spillway and the loss of privacy from the removal of trees.

Kate Northcutt, Spunky Creek Homeowners Association member spoke to the council regarding the lack of privacy and seclusion that the soccer field construction has created; she feels this will cause flooding issues and a possible reduction in her property values.

**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 **January 23, 2023**, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of Minutes of the **February 4, 2023**, Special Meeting
- 3) Approval of Minutes of the **February 6, 2023**, Special Meeting
- 4) Approval of Regular and Prepaid Claims
- 5) Approval of Financial Statements for December 2022
- 6) Pay Request No. 16 – Place Strategies, Inc. – Comprehensive Plan – in the amount of \$20,460.30

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve the consent agenda. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

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

#### **IV. Agenda Items:**

**\*\*Mayor Conley changed the order in which the items were acted on during the meeting. The minutes for the items are listed below as they appeared on the agenda. The items were acted on in this order: #1, #2, Public Comments, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15 and #16.**

##### **Item #1: Introduction of City of Catoosa Alternate Municipal Court Judge**

Kathy Lahmeyer, Catoosa's Alternate Municipal Court Judge was introduced to the Council. No action was taken.

##### **Item #2: "Oath of Office" for Municipal Court Judge and Alternate Municipal Court Judge**

Mayor Brenda Conley administered the "Oath of Office" to Catoosa's Municipal Court Judge, Patrick Abitbol and Catoosa's Alternate Municipal Court Judge, Kathy Lahmeyer. No action was taken.

##### **Item #3: Rogers County Farmers Market Presentation**

A presentation was made by Rogers County Farmers Market Director, Reighly Hendrix and Roxanne Bilby, Volunteers for Youth, Executive Director, regarding the upcoming 2023 Farmers Market at the Blue Whale. No action was taken.

##### **Item #4: Pay Request No. 2 Rolling Hills Splash Pad/Neighborhood Park**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to approve Pay Request No. 2 from American Concrete, Inc. for the Rolling Hills Splash Pad/Neighborhood Park in the amount of \$133,784.27. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

##### **Item #5: Pay Request No. 3 Rolling Hills Splash Pad/Neighborhood Park**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to approve Pay Request No. 3 from American Concrete, Inc. for the Rolling Hills Splash Pad/Neighborhood Park in the amount of \$19,712.50. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

##### **Item #6: Pay Request No. 2 Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex Construction Management**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Myers-Cherry Construction, LLC for the Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex construction management in the amount of \$302,754.21.

The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #7: Ordinance No. 2023-434-C**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-434-C closing an undeveloped roadway of E. Newton St. from 161<sup>st</sup> to 159<sup>th</sup> E. Ave. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #8: Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 2023-434-C**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2023-434-C. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #9: Ordinance No. 2023-391-Z**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-391-Z, an ordinance to rezone from Residential Single-Family Medium Density to Commercial General (CG) located at approximately 159<sup>th</sup> E. Ave and E. Marshall, Tulsa, OK 74116 for Use Unit 1120/Hotel, Motel, and recreation facilities, bar/bowling alley. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #10: Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 2023-391-Z**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2023-391-Z. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #11: Ordinance No. 2023-392-Z**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-392-Z, an ordinance to rezone from Residential Single-Family High Intensity to Residential Duplex (RD) located at 308 N. Shawnee for the purpose of a residential duplex.

The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #12: Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 2023-392-Z**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2023-392-Z. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #13: Resolution No. 2023-596**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to adopt Resolution No. 2023-596, a resolution approving and adopting the 2023 D.W. Correll Museum Board Bylaws subject to final approval as to form by the City Attorney. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #14: Rainbow Fireworks, Inc. Agreement**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to approve an agreement with Rainbow Fireworks, Inc. for the fireworks display at LibertyFest 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00, subject to final approval as to form by the City Attorney. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #15: Purchase of Police Vehicle**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility All Wheel Drive vehicle from Joe Cooper Ford per quote number 20038659 A, state bid contract SW0035, in an amount not to exceed \$44,891.00 to be taken from the Police Department Capital Outlay Account. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

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

**Item #16: Vehicle Surplus**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Greg Williams** to declare a 2008 Ford Explorer (VIN – 1FMEU73E58UA11926) surplus to be sold on the online auction service.

The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye

Thomas Sweet-aye

Greg Williams-aye

Fred Williams-aye

Kyle Gibson-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:

- Rolling Hills Splash Pad has a tentative opening date of May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been working with the City of Tulsa regarding the holdup of the approvals for the water and sewer.
- All of the bid packets have been completed for the police and fire safety complex. We have tried three times to schedule a groundbreaking ceremony but due to the weather we had to cancel them, so we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony when the complex is completed.
- We are still correcting water infiltration issues in our sewer system. We have large sections of clay pipes that need replacing. We are looking at some new manhole technology to help with the repairs because they are being infiltrated from the top and middle areas due to sealing issues.
- Maintenance will be out this week doing pothole repairs due to the nice weather.
- We are working on the contracts for LibertyFest.
- We have been talking about the heat issues that the Farmers Market experienced last year. We are looking into bringing food trucks and possibly live entertainment to help bring in more visitors.
- We are continuing the work at the soccer complex. We have been working with our city engineer to increase the size of the parking lot. Our city engineer will be joining us Monday night at the Spunky Creek Homeowners Association meeting, to discuss and share information regarding some of the issues that they spoke about earlier tonight.

**VII: Council Comments:**

- Mayor Brenda Conley has had some complaints about the potholes at Apache and Tigerswitch.
- Mayor Brenda Conley would like to commend Mr. Blish, city staff, and the public works department for all of the progress that is happening on the infiltration project. I see all of the hard work that everyone is doing and all of

the green paint everywhere that shows they have been working on these issues. We are finally starting to see work happen on the issues that this council has discussed for years that need to happen so that we are not wasting those dollars.

**VIII: Adjourn:**

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to adjourn.  
The motion passed with the following votes: **(7:04 PM)**

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye  
Thomas Sweet-aye  
Greg Williams-aye

Fred Williams-aye  
Kyle Gibson-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**