

**CITY OF CATOOSA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, the 24th day of April 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 Teresa O'Donnell; Ward #5, Councilor Kyle Gibson; Ward #4, Councilor Fred Williams; Ward #3, Councilor Greg Williams; Ward #2, Councilor Thomas Sweet; and Ward #1 and Mayor Brenda Conley.

The following staff members were present for this meeting: John Blish, City Manager; Vicky Sutton, City Clerk; Ronnie Benight, Police Chief; Andy Wimberley, Assistant Police Chief; Denus Benton, Fire Chief; Chris Cieslak, City Planner; and City Attorney Eric Wade, of Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold.

E. Oath of Office: The newly elected City Council Members/Public Works Authority/Catoosa Industrial Authority/Catoosa Economic Development Authority Trustees: Ward #3, Councilor Greg Williams; Ward #4, Councilor Fred Williams; Ward #6, Councilor Teresa O'Donnell; and Council Member at Large, Jonnie Mott was sworn in by Catoosa's Municipal Court Judge, Patrick Abitbol.

F. Election of Mayor:

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to nominate **Greg Williams** as Mayor for a two (2) year term ending April 2025. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Mayor Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Greg Williams-abstain	Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

G. Election of Vice Mayor:

A motion was made by **Greg Williams** and seconded by **Teresa O'Donnell** to nominate **Jonnie Mott** as Vice-Mayor for a two (2) year term ending April 2025. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-no	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Jonnie Mott-abstain
Fred Williams-aye	

H. Public Comments:

- Brenda Maynard, 207 W. Elm, I live across from the school and I have heard rumors that they are moving water lines. They moved gas lines last week; I just want to know if they are really going to move the water lines and if it will affect my house.
- Mike McKinney, 215 W. Elm, I live across the street from the new school building. I am worried about stormwater drainage. The school has done a heck of a job building the stormwater drainage and it looks like they are going to take care of their part. I'm afraid the city hasn't done one thing helping us out there, with the ditch going North. I understand there is a person that will not let them cross but surely, I'd think if it's about the stormwater drainage, they could get an attorney to help make them clean that ditch out, so that we don't get flooded. It's just going to be a matter of time.
- Lara Ruiz, last Monday the Rogers County commissioners signed a resolution to oppose the federal government's 30 x 30 land preservation bill that is a part of the Rogers County Comprehensive Plan. My question is, does Catoosa's comprehensive plan line up with the new Rogers County resolution that protects private property and unincorporated land? What they are wanting to do with the current trails and bike trails is use people's private property, the Rogers County resolution opposes that use. The Rogers County Planning Commission gave the citizens of Rogers County sixty (60) more days to get the word out to the people of Rogers County. Instead of voting on it today to adopt it, we will be meeting with them again June 20th. If the Catoosa plan has any of this wording in it, I want to make sure that it is done away with, or we have more time to talk about it before it's adopted.

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 **April 6, 2023**, Special Meeting
- 2) Approval of Minutes of the **April 7, 2023**, Special Meeting
- 3) Approval of Minutes of the **April 10, 2023**, Regular Meeting
- 4) Approval of Regular and Prepaid Claims

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to approve the consent agenda. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

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

IV. Agenda Items:

Item #1: To Change Roll Call During Meeting

A motion was made by **Jonnie Mott** and seconded by **Kyle Gibson** to approve changing the roll call during the meeting to reflect election results of Mayor and Vice-Mayor. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Item #2: Recognition of Service Award Vice-Mayor Russ White

In recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the residents and businesses of the City of Catoosa, Vice-Mayor Russ White was presented with a Recognition of Service Award.

Item #3: To Declare Certain Equipment Surplus – Police Department

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Brenda Conley** to declare one (1) Gen4 Glock Model 22 .40 caliber pistol, serial number XCD887 with three magazines and one (1) gunlock; and one (1) case to be presented to retiring Captain Doug Spencer after 20 years of service.

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

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Item #4: To Declare Certain Equipment Surplus – Police Department

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Brenda Conley** to declare one (1) Gen4 Glock Model 22 .40 caliber pistol, serial number XCD882 with three magazines and one (1) gunlock; and one (1) case to be presented to retiring Sergeant Greg Faxon after 25 years of service. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Item #5: Plan Catoosa Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

- A. Public Hearing opened at 6:20 p.m.
- B. A presentation was made by City Manager John Blish, and Ivan Gonzalez, of Place Strategies, informing the Council of the processes taken to meet the comprehensive plans goals and the process changes that will occur once the comprehensive plan is approved.
- C. There were no public comments. Councilor Kyle Gibson asked if there were any changes from the Planning Commission regarding utilities? Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott asked if all the changes and adjustments that the Planning Commission requested had been addressed?
- D. Public Hearing closed at 6:29 p.m.

Item #6: Resolution No. 2023-600-C Plan Catoosa Comprehensive Plan

A motion was made by **Jonnie Mott** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to adopt Resolution No. 2023-600-C, a resolution adopting the City of Catoosa, Plan Catoosa Comprehensive Plan. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-abstain
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Item #7: Pay Request No. 5 Rolling Hills Splash Pad/Neighborhood Park

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve Pay Request No. 5 from American Concrete, Inc. for the Rolling Hills Splash Pad/Neighborhood Park in the amount of \$94,833.75. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Item #8: Change order No.1 for the City of Catoosa Rolling Hills Project

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to approve change order No.1 from American Concrete, Inc. for the Rolling Hills Splash Pad/Neighborhood Park in the amount of \$8,160.00. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Item #9: 4 Ton KM International Asphalt Hotbox and Reclaimer

A motion was made by **Jonnie Mott** and seconded by **Teresa O'Donnell** to approve purchase of a 4 Ton KM International Asphalt Hotbox and reclaimer for city maintenance from Crafcoc Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$48,610.00 to be taken from Public Works Authority Capital Outlay account. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Item #10: Museum Appointment

A motion was made by **Jonnie Mott** and seconded by **Teresa O'Donnell** to appoint Rita Coblenz to the Museum Board. The motion **passed** with the following votes:

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Item #11: 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: **(6:39 PM)**

Brenda Conley-aye	Kyle Gibson-aye
Thomas Sweet-aye	Teresa O'Donnell-aye
Mayor Greg Williams-aye	Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye
Fred Williams-aye	

Statement of Executive Session Minutes:

Mayor Greg Williams acknowledged the City Council returned to open session at 7:19 P.M. During executive session, the City Council held confidential communications regarding the matters listed under Agenda Item #11 on the agenda for this meeting. The City Attorney was present for the purposes of discussing negotiations with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4798, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and the Catoosa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #150 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307(B)(2) of the Oklahoma Statutes.

No other matters were discussed, and no votes were taken.

- A. Vote to convene in executive session.
- B. Acknowledge return to open session.
- C. Statement of executive session minutes.

V. New Business: There was no new business.

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

- The splash pad at Curtis Conley Memorial Park will open for Helen Paul students May 22nd through May 25th for end of school activities. The City will open the splash pad to the public Memorial Day weekend. We are partnering with the police and fire departments to grill hot dogs.
- The Special Olympics Horseshoe Tournament was held this past weekend at Rogers Point. The City staff had a great time participating.
- We had a company, OK Diver, reach out to us, a lady contracted him to find her phone that she dropped in the water at the Blue Whale. I asked the fire department to be present for safety issues. The fire department was able to use their new sonar equipment. I asked him if he could take pictures or a video to tell us how the whale is holding up structurally after all these years. The gentleman told us the metal wasn't rusting, and it was holding up very well.
- We are still cameraing our sewer lines. We are working on breeches and infiltration issues in the Woodcrest addition. We are working on replacing culverts in that addition by adding two cement boxes. We are working on a 48-hour plan to reroute traffic.
- I have submitted paperwork to the state to replace the bridge South of Pine on Cherokee. There are some areas of concern regarding the railings; there are not any traffic issues. We are hoping to partner with Rogers County and the state for an 80/20 split.
- We are working on a street project in the Town & Country addition. Brian is working up some cost estimates for sealing the surfaces for 5-8 years.
- LibertyFest carnival will be held at Rogers Point, June 22nd - June 25th.
- Water will be turned off Friday-Saturday to replace a fire-hydrant and add a shutoff valve on Bluff.
- We found a 12" stub out for the water at the Hamby-Lynch property; there is a water shutoff to the South. It will save us money because we may not have to bore under the road.
- All acquisitions have been completed for the 161st Street Widening project. There is not a charge from ONG and only a small charge from PSO.
- We are working on some designs for Marshall Street. There is a spring fed natural aquifer that we need to work on the curb design to hit the inlets.

VII: Council Comments: NONE

VIII: Adjourn:

A motion was made by **Brenda Conley** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to adjourn.
The motion passed with the following votes: **(7:32 PM)**

Brenda Conley-aye

Kyle Gibson-aye

Thomas Sweet-aye

Teresa O'Donnell-aye

Mayor Greg Williams-aye

Vice-Mayor Jonnie Mott-aye

Fred Williams-aye

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 2023

Vicky Sutton, City Clerk

Greg Williams, Mayor