

**CITY OF CATOOSA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Greg Williams at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, the 25th day of September 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:** Preacher Danny Hudson, First Assembly of God
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Greg Williams
- D. Roll Call:** The following Trustees were **present** for this meeting: Member at Large Councilor, and Vice-Mayor, Jonnie Mott; Ward #6, Councilor Teresa O'Donnell; Ward #5, Councilor Kyle Gibson; Ward #4, Councilor Fred Williams; Ward #3, Councilor and Mayor, Greg Williams; Ward #2, Councilor Thomas Sweet; and Ward #1, Councilor Brenda Conley.

The following staff members were present for this meeting: John Blish, City Manager; Vicky Sutton, City Clerk; Jamie Scrivner, Finance Director; Ronnie Benight, Police Chief; Denus Benton, Fire Chief; Josh Brown, Director of Community Development; and City Attorney Eric Wade, of Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold.

E. Public Comments:

- Daniel Spitzer spoke about the need for the bridge on Cherokee Street. I realize that the City Manager, John Blish is working on grants for the current bridge that was built in 1938. I would love to see it dredged out and two bridges put in it's place like Rogers Point, so then we would have room for bike and pedestrian paths going in both directions. I walked the trail and got my shoes and socks wet trying to cross. I would love to see us use federal funds instead of city funds. Everyone should walk down the street to see how difficult it is to pass.

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 **September 11, 2023**, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of Regular and Prepaid Claims
- 3) Approval of Financial Statements for August 2023

A motion was made by **Brenda Conley** and seconded by **Fred Williams** 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: Proposed Change Order No. 12 – Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Brenda Conley** to approve Prime Contract Change Order No. 12 for the Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex in an amount not to exceed \$14,469.52 to paid from the project contingency fund. 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: Proposed Change Order No. 13 – Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex

A motion was made by **Brenda Conley** and seconded by **Thomas Sweet** to approve Prime Contract Change Order No. 13 for the Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex in an amount not to exceed \$2,037.36 to paid from the project contingency fund. 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 #3: Proposed Change Order No. 14 – Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Jonnie Mott** to approve Prime Contract Change Order No. 14 for the Hamby-Lynch Public Safety Complex in an amount not to exceed \$640.64 to be paid from the project contingency fund. 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: Withdrawal of Previously Approved Tornado Sirens

A motion was made by **Kyle Gibson** and seconded by **Thomas Sweet** to approve Fire Chief Denus Benton's request to withdraw the council's approval of two tornado siren purchases from Goddard Enterprises Mass Notification Systems, in the amount of \$22,256.00 each; first siren received council approval on February 27, 2023, the second siren received council approval on March 27, 2023. 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: Purchase Two Tornado Sirens

A motion was made by **Thomas Sweet** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to approve purchasing two tornado sirens from Joe Goddard Enterprises LLC, in the amount of \$44,512.00, to be taken from the Emergency Management 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	

V. New Business: There was no new business.

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

- We have been in discussions regarding phase 1 of the trail system that starts at Rodger Berry Sports Complex going north. We have to interview three engineers as part of the process to secure funding for this project.

- We had our first discovery meeting last week with FEMA regarding the submittal of the various costs associated with the impact from the Father's Day storm.
- City maintenance is working on potholes with the help of their new hotbox; it keeps it pliable for a few days, which makes it a lot easier for us to do those repairs.
- City maintenance is still working on the cleanup at the creek in Rolling Hills; they are working on cleaning out the boxes. With the recent rains we have had we can tell that their work has made a huge difference.
- Last Wednesday, the police department put the school on lockdown. We had some fugitives that committed crimes in another state. Catoosa was alerted by the flock camera system that they were here, so we worked the case with the help of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations.
- Both the Curtis Conley and the Rolling Hills splash pads will be closed on Friday, September 29th so that they can be winterized.
- We received the new camera today for the Rolling Hills splash pad. Robert will be working with Cox to get Wi-Fi at the park. He will be exploring node systems so that students will be able to go there for free Wi-Fi.
- Josh Brown from our planning department will be the liaison between the city and the public for new buildings in the city.
- We had a new code enforcement officer start today. Her name is Anjanette, she will be a great addition to our team.

VII: Council Comments:

- Councilor Fred Williams asked if the bathrooms will be closed when they close the Rolling Hills Splash Pad? Will we need to keep it open for the kids while they are playing on the playground?
- Councilor Teresa O'Donnell asked if we will be paying for the Cox wi-fi, or will it be paid with a grant? Do you know which Engineering firms you will be picking?

VIII: Adjourn:

A motion was made by **Brenda Conley** and seconded by **Fred Williams** to adjourn. The motion passed with the following votes: **(6:27 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