

MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL/COWETA PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY
COWETA INDUSTRIAL TRUST AUTHORITY JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2019 9:00 A.M.

The members of the Coweta City Council, and Trustees of Coweta Public Works Authority and Coweta Industrial Trust Authority, met in a join special session on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at Oneta Power Plant located at 25142 East 105th Street South, Broken Arrow, OK 74014.

COUNCILMEMBERS/TRUSTEES PRESENT: Evette Morris, Harold Chance, Naomi Hogue, Logan Brown, Randy Woodward.

COUNCILMEMBERS/TRUSTEES ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Roger Kolman, Brittany Long, Rob Werley, Chip Cohrs, Greg Edwards, Julie Casteen, Ron Peterson.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Morris.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was not given due to lack of American flag.
- III. Roll call taken. Councilmembers/Trustees present and absent as shown above.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor/Chairman Morris welcomed everyone to the annual budget retreat. She then gave a brief history of the Oneta Power Plant and shared various ways that the Plant supports the community.

City/Trust Manager Roger Kolman welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the retreat and briefly described what will be discussed at the meeting.

Motion by Evette Morris, second by Harold Chance to table the discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a Garbage Truck until the May 2019 meeting.

Aye: Randy Woodward
Logan Brown
Naomi Hogue
Harold Chance
Evette Morris

City/Trust Manager Roger Kolman gave a presentation of the 2019 Annual Citizen Survey. He stated we had 353 total responses, which is 11% of the current households. He then discussed the results for each question and how that will impact future plans. Once the Citizen Survey presentation was completed, we moved on to the budget presentation.

Assistant City/Trust Manager Julie Casteen began the budget presentation by explaining the budget process and the steps it takes to end with a balanced budget. She also reviewed the purpose of each fund within the budget. The proposed budget for FY 2019-2020 is \$12.6 million in expenditures, which includes a 2.5% pay increase for all non-contracted employees, a 1%

increase to the non-contractual employee retirement, 10% health insurance premium increase, 10% workers' compensation insurance increase, one new Firefighter, and one new Parks maintenance worker. She then moved on to explain the various revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and the special revenue funds, while explaining the various projects in each fund.

She then moved on to the Enterprise Funds and the revenues and expenditures for each fund, including a 2.4% utility rate increase according to the December 2018 Consumer Price Index.

It was also mentioned that we need to look at future funding opportunities, such as a 1% sales tax increase, to fund capital improvements. The budget presentation was concluded.

The City/Trust Manager Roger Kolman explained the process from this point forward and began discussion regarding any questions that were raised and asked for input and help to get the public more involved. Councilmember/Trustee Naomi Hogue suggested having somewhere on our website that shows areas of concern and what the City is doing about it. Discussion held regarding the city streets and how to fix the issues with not only the streets but also the drainage. It was mentioned that the City plans to improve ditches along Division to solve drainage issues.

Other topics discussed include the plans for the Cottonwood addition, since nothing structural can be placed, it would be perfect for a dog park, walking trail, or disc golf and it will be looked into after the completion of the Roland Park improvements. Discussions of the multiple housing additions and their impact on the community were held and how the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is using Federal funds to repair 305th and 273rd. Also mentioned is how the City/Trust Manager would like to eventually change the Subdivision Regulations to require 75% brick on new residential construction to help reduce the number of dilapidated buildings in city limits. Another topic mentioned was how to repair 337th and the general consensus is to deannex the one resident that is currently in city limits.

Mayor/Chairman Evette Morris asked if each Department Head had input for their budget. It was stated that every requested capital item was approved and only one requested new employee was denied.

Short break from 10:30 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.

City/Trust Manager then began discussion of each proposed project at length, starting with the construction of a new Coweta sign at 111th and Highway 51, which will cost about \$11,000 and will be constructed of concrete. He stated that the future plans are to place one near the turnpike on East Highway 51 and one on Highway 72.

The next project is the update to the Comprehensive Plan, which will cost \$90,000. He stated that the first meeting will be with staff at some point in May 2019 and will take about 16 months to complete. The current Comprehensive Plan was completed in 1994 and has never been updated. His goal is to have the new one updated every 5 years, which would be around \$20,000 to \$30,000.

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Another project is updates to the bathrooms at the Sports Complex for \$12,000 to make them ADA compliant. He stated that we currently subsidize the sports clubs but we are looking into stopping and taking over maintenance in house.

The upgrades to Roland Park were discussed and it was mentioned that the Wagoner County Health Department is helping pay for the walking paths by granting the City with \$185,000. We are currently still waiting on plans for the improvements.

The upgrades to the sidewalks along Broadway have been submitted and are waiting for approval. The costs for the upgrades are unknown at this time.

Oklahoma Department of Transportation stated that they are planning to overlay Broadway but it will be done by using leftover funds from other projects, so they are unsure of the timeline for that project.

The SCADA upgrades will allow various points of the water distribution system to communicate to one central point.

A new Garbage truck is needed due to the age of our current fleet. It was mentioned that Solid Waste is our most profitable service but we need to look into going to a poly cart system instead of loose bags. That will have a bigger expense due to having to purchase a different type of truck and all poly carts for our citizens.

That concluded the discussion of the major projects that are included in the proposed budget.

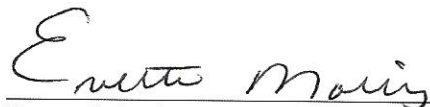
Discussion was held regarding Wagoner County wanting to extend 131st Street South to 305th East Avenue and 305th East Avenue having upgrades through to Highway 412.

City/Trust Manager Roger Kolman stated that there is a meeting in June to discuss a turnpike exit ramp near 101st or 273rd, which will be a great bypass to Highway 51 due to Broken Arrow completing a 40 acre project at 91st and Highway 51.

Another project not included in the budget but needs to be completed is a new Public Safety Center, with plans to purchase the dentist office to the north of the current fire station and start rebuilding going south. Finally, tear down the old gas station and make it a public park.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor/Chairman adjourned all meetings at 11:02 a.m. with lunch to follow.

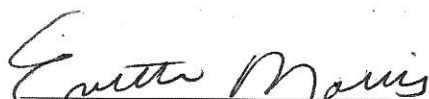


Evette Morris, Mayor

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Brittany Long, City Clerk




Evette Morris, PWA Chairman


Brittany Long, PWA Trust Secretary




Evette Morris, CIDA Chairman


Harold Chance, CIDA Trust Secretary

