

**MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 06, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

The members of the Coweta City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Coweta City Hall, 310 S Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Naomi Hogue, Logan Brown, Harold Chance, Caroline Martin, Randy Woodward.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hogue.

II. Pledge of Allegiance given

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call taken. Councilmembers were present as shown above.

IV. GENERAL CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmembers discussed the upcoming Christmas parade on December 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hogue welcomed Interim City Manager, Lisa Taylor to her first meeting. Chief Bell reminded Councilmembers of the upcoming Veteran's Day parade.

V. CONSENT

Motion by Logan Brown, second by Harold Chance to approve the consent calendar items:

1. Approval of the 2024 Coweta Municipal Court calendar.
2. Approval of the 2024 Holiday schedule for the City of Coweta.
3. Approval of the 2024 Regular Meeting dates schedule of the Coweta City Council, Coweta Planning Commission, Coweta Board of Adjustment, and the Coweta Library Board.
4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on October 2, 2023.
5. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held on October 6, 2023.

Aye: Logan Brown
Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

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VI. CONSIDER ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

No items removed.

VII. ADMINISTRATION

1. EUFAULA BRIDGE BID AWARD

Review and discussion of bids received, and possible action to award a bid for the North Eufaula Avenue Bridge Project, including the base bid and alternate bid number 1 for the installation of a water line, subject to the execution of a contract and furnishing of all required bonds and insurance certificates. (Cannan Anthony, Cowan Group).

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Randy Woodward that the base bid in the amount of \$28,642.0, and the alternative one-waterline bid in the amount of \$94,870.40, be awarded to Envision Civil Contractors, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, subject to the execution of a contract, and furnishing of all required bonds and insurance certificates.

Aye: Harold Chance
Randy Woodward
Naomi Hogue
Logan Brown
Caroline Martin

2. CHANGE ORDER- VILLAGE SUBDIVISION WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS

Ratification of the Assistant City Manager's approval of Change Order No. 2 in the favor of Stronghand, LLC related to the Village Subdivision Water Line Improvement Project, increasing the cost of that project from \$561,498.90 to \$574,205.41, an increase of \$12,706.51. (Ronny Dooling, Public Works Director).

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Logan Brown to approval of Change Order No. 2 in the favor of Stronghand, LLC related to the Village Subdivision Water Line Improvement Project, increasing the cost of that project from \$561,498.90 to \$574,205.41, an increase of \$12,706.51.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
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3. VILLAGE SUBDIVISION WATERLINE PROGRESS PAYMENTS

Affirmation of the Assistant City Manager's approval of progress payment No. 4 in the amount of \$78,159.53 and the Assistant City Manager's approval of final payment No. 5 in the amount of \$134,031.49 for the Village Subdivision Waterline Project to Stronghand, LLC.

Motion by Namoi Hogue, second by Logan Brown to approve progress payment No. 4 in the amount of \$78,159.53 and the Assistant City Manager's approval of final payment No. 5 in the amount of \$134,031.49 for the Village Subdivision Waterline Project to Stronghand, LLC.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Logan Brown
Harold Chance
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

4. RESOLUTION 2023-37, CDBG WATERLINE GRANT PROJECT CLOSEOUT

Discussion and possible action on the adoption of Resolution 2023-37, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, accepting the completed CDBG Village Subdivision Water Line Replacement Project (#18229 CDBG 21).

Motion by Namoi Hogue, second by Logan Brown to adopt Resolution 2023-37, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, accepting the completed CDBG Village Subdivision Water Line Replacement Project (#18229 CDBG 21).

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Logan Brown
Harold Chance
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

5. POLICE SERVICE DOG

Discussion and possible approval to purchase a police service dog from Shallow Creek Kennels at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00. (Mike Bell, Police Chief).

Motion by Randy Woodward, second by Harold Chance to approve the purchase of purchase a police service dog from Shallow Creek Kennels at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00.

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Harold Chance
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6. FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE PURCHASE (FORD F-150)

Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 Crew Cab truck from Vance County For in the amount of \$47,652.60. Purchase has been budgeted in FY24 while utilizing State Contract SW035 pricing. (Brian Woodward, Interim Fire Chief).

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Randy Woodward to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 Crew Cab truck from Vance County For in the amount of \$47,652.60. Purchase has been budgeted in FY24 while utilizing State Contract SW035 pricing.

Aye: Harold Chance
Randy Woodward
Naomi Hogue
Logan Brown
Caroline Martin

7. AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ESCROW AGREEMENT

Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to execute a certain escrow agreement with Retail Buildings, Inc., and FNB Coweta as escrow agent, in the amount of \$450,000.00 pertaining to the Eufaula Avenue Bridge development agreement with Retail Buildings, Inc. dated February 9, 2023. (Jeff Stephens, City Attorney).

Motion by logan Brown, second by Namoi Hogue to authorize the Mayor to execute a certain escrow agreement with Retail Buildings, Inc., and FNB Coweta as escrow agent, in the amount of \$450,000.00 pertaining to the Eufaula Avenue Bridge development agreement with Retail Buildings, Inc. dated February 9, 2023.

Aye: Logan Brown
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8. CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Discussion and possible action to approve proposed contract for professional public relations consultation services between the City of Coweta and Crossroads Communications, LLC. (Mandy Vavrinak, Crossroads Communications).

Motion by Randy Woodward, second by Harold Chance to approve contract for professional public relations consultation services between the City of Coweta and Crossroads Communications, LLC.

Aye: Randy Woodward
Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Logan Brown
Caroline Martin

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 the City Council may enter into executive session for the purposes specifically provided in this section.)

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion and appropriate action related to a proposed executive session for the purpose of discussing a pending claim concerning severance claimed by Roger Kolman, former City Manager, following his resignation on September 11, 2023, and including discussion related to a proposed general release and separation agreement between Roger Kolman and the City of Coweta, the Coweta Public Works Authority, and the Coweta Industrial Development Authority, pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(4), upon the advice of the City Attorney that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the City Council to process the claim in the public interest.

Motion by Logan Brown, second by Naomi Hogue to enter into executive session at 6:20 p.m.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
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a. END EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Vote to come out of executive session

Motion by Logan Brown, second by Naomi Hogue to come out of executive session at 6:41 p.m.

Aye: Logan Brown
Naomi Hogue
Harold Chance
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion and possible action related to the discussion held in executive session related to a proposed general release and separation agreement between Roger, Kolman and the City of Coweta, the Coweta Public Works Authority, and the Coweta Industrial Development Authority.

Motion by Logan Brown, second by Naomi Hogue to approve a general release and separation agreement between Roger, Kolman and the City of Coweta, the Coweta Public Works Authority, and the Coweta Industrial Development Authority.

Aye: Logan Brown
Naomi Hogue
Harold Chance
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

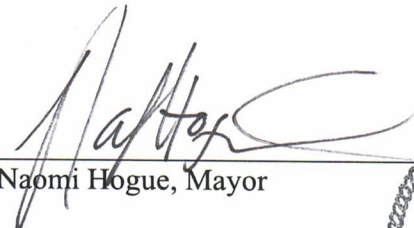
IX. NEW BUSINESS

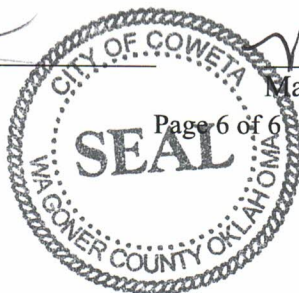
(Business which was not foreseen prior to the posting of the agenda.)

No new business.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hogue adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.


Naomi Hogue, Mayor




Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk