

**MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

The members of the Coweta City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Coweta City Hall, 310 S Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Naomi Hogue, Harold Chance, Joe Cash, Caroline Martin, Randy Woodward.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

Vice Mayor Chance expressed may the weather tomorrow be like today. Mayor Hogue advised everyone to be prepared for the colder weather to come later this week.

V. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Casteen updated Council members on current projects and upcoming work taking place throughout the city.

No action taken by Council.

VI. CONSENT

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to approve the consent calendar items:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Coweta City Council Regular meeting held on January 6, 2025.
2. Approval of the quarterly financial results and operational activities of the City of Coweta's 911 system for the quarter ending December 31, 2024, in accordance with 63 O.S. §2868 H).
3. Approval of the adoption of Resolution 2025-05, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma; adopting amendments to the annual revenues and appropriations for the budget of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

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VII. CONSIDER ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

No items removed.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

1. FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT AND OPERATING REPORT

Assistant City Manager, McKay Hale with Anne Elfrink from Elfrink and Associates presented and discussed the annual audited Financial Report and Operating Reports for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, and possible action to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to acknowledge the receipt of the annual audited Financial Report and Operating Reports for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024,

Aye: Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Joe Cash
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

2. RESOLUTION 2025-02- CDBG SECTION 3 PLAN

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the adoption of Resolution 2025-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma adopting the Community Development Block Grant Section 3 Plan as required by the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to adopt Resolution 2025-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma adopting the Community Development Block Grant Section 3 Plan as required by the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

Aye: Harold Chance
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3. RESOLUTION 2025-03- FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Juie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the adoption of Resolution 2025-03, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma proclaiming April as Fair Housing month.

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to adopt Resolution 2025-03, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma proclaiming April as Fair Housing month.

Aye: Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Joe Cash
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

**4. ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR
19508 CDBG 24**

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the approval of the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan for 19508 CDBG 24 and authorizing the Mayor to execute documents related to the City of Coweta's Community Development Block Grant (19508 CDBG 24) for water system improvements.

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to approve the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan for 19508 CDBG 24 and authorizing the Mayor to execute documents related to the City of Coweta's Community Development Block Grant (19508 CDBG 24) for water system improvements.

5. ORDINANCE 896- ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

Fire Chief Brian Woodward, discussed and requested possible action related to the adoption of Ordinance 896, an Ordinance of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma; repealing the existing Section 6-5-1, titled "Fire Code", codified in the Coweta City Code Title 6, "Police and Public Safety", Chapter 6-5, "Fire Code Regulations", and enacting a new Section 6-5-1, titled "Adoption of the ICC International Fire Code, 2018 edition; adopting the International Code Council (ICC) International Fire Code (IFC), 2018 edition, as amended and revised by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC), including Appendices "B", "Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings", "C", "Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution", "D", "Fire Apparatus Access Roads", "I", "Fire Protection Systems-Noncompliant Condition"; providing for the protection of exiting rights and remedies; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and declaring an emergency.

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Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to adopt Ordinance 896, an Ordinance of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma; repealing the existing Section 6-5-1, titled "Fire Code", codified in the Coweta City Code Title 6, "Police and Public Safety", Chapter 6-5, "Fire Code Regulations", and enacting a new Section 6-5-1, titled "Adoption of the ICC International Fire Code, 2018 edition; adopting the International Code Council (ICC) International Fire Code (IFC), 2018 edition, as amended and revised by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC), including Appendices "B", "Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings", "C", "Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution, "D", "Fire Apparatus Access Roads", "I", "Fire Protection Systems- Noncompliant Condition"; providing for the protection of exiting rights and remedies; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and declaring an emergency.

Aye: Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Joe Cash
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

6. CZ 25-01 SUP- SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR CREMATORY

Community Development Director Carolyn Back led discussion and requested possible action on a request Bell Land Use, LLC, agent for the applicant Schaudt Funeral Service, requesting a Specific Use Permit for a Crematory use in a CG zoning district. Location 27907 South State Highway 51, Section 1, Township 17 North, Range 15 East of the Indian Base and Meridian.

Caroline Martin recused herself from this item and left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Public comments were received from Bell Land Use, LLC, Brian Kelley, Shawn O'Dell, and Logan Brown.

Bell Land Use, LLC, agent for the applicant Schaudt Funeral Service spoke to Council and audience members explaining smells and smoke will not be an issue with the crematory. He explained inspections are regulated, and that chemicals would not be used in the cremation process.

Mr. Kelly voiced apprehensions about potential smells, chemicals being used at the crematory, and overall health concerns.

Mr. O'Dell expressed concerns about increased traffic in the area, potential creek flooding issues that could be caused by the construction of the crematory. He also asked if there

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would be any specific restrictions imposed on the crematory for when burning would be allowed.

At the Mayor's request, Logan Brown, who was in the audience, stepped up to give his input on the proposed crematory. Mr. Brown stated Citizens will see a cloud of smoke coming from the building, that once its approved, its done and there will not be anything else citizens can do about it. Mr. Brown also stated that after the initial inspection of the crematory, there are no additional regulations requiring ongoing inspections to be done.

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue, to table the item until the next Council meeting and gave instruction to the Community Development Director to gather more information on emissions, required inspections, life span of inspections, site visits, operating time restrictions, stop gap, contaminates, and allow surrounding community inputs.

Aye: Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Joe Cash
Randy Woodward

No vote was given by Caroline Martin. She returned to the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

7. DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 896

Brian Woodward led discussion and requested possible action related to declaring an emergency regarding Ordinance 896 making it effective immediately upon passage and approval.

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to approve the declaration of an emergency regarding Ordinance 896 making it effective immediately upon passage and approval.

Aye: Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Joe Cash
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

8. REQUEST TO REVISE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW BEER CONSUMPTION AT THE CITY OF COWETA SPORTS COMPLEX

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to a request from Tara Hatfield and Rayna Spurgeon to change the City Code of Ordinances to allow the

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consumption of beer at the baseball fields in designated areas on the City of Coweta Sports Complex for adult league days.

Motion by Harold, second by Naomi Hogue to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending the Coweta City Code Section 9-4-4 to allow consumption of beer within a public park subject to a permit approved by City Council.

Aye: Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Joe Cash

Nay: Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

**9. RESOLUTION 2025-04 STATE HIGHWAY 72 PAVEMENT
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the adoption of Resolution 2025-04, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma selecting a design alternative for the State Hwy 72 Pavement Project.

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to approve adoption of Resolution 2025-04, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma selecting a design alternative for the State Hwy 72 Pavement Project.

Aye: Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Joe Cash
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

10. OMAG BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to naming one or more nominees for the OMAG Board of Trustees.

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Naomi Hogue to naming Julie Casteen as a nominee for the OMAG Board of Trustees.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hogue adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



Naomi Hogue, Mayor



Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk

