

**MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2025, 5:33 P.M.**

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The members of the Coweta City Council, administrative staff, and the general public assembled for a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 5:33 p.m. in the Coweta City Hall, 310 S Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Naomi Hogue, Joshua Wilburn, Lauren Givan, Jeremy Barnett

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Caroline Martin

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hogue

**II. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers were present as shown above.

**III. DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- Request for public input on the Go! Plan to add connectivity to the existing regional trail network, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and identify barriers and solutions for pedestrians and bicyclists to safely access their destinations.
- Staff will present information on the Planning Process for the City of Coweta.
- Citizens will have an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns on topics that relate to the City of Coweta.

Jason Smith stated that over the last three years he has seen an increase in bike traffic and pedestrian traffic near 121<sup>st</sup> and Hwy 51. He suggested a crosswalk be added to that area and that the stop lights that are at 116<sup>th</sup> St and Hwy 51 should be put into service. Another suggestion offered by Mr. Smith was to reduce the speed limit on Hwy 51 from 111<sup>th</sup> St to 131<sup>st</sup> St.

City Manager Julie Casteen noted that the stop lights at 116<sup>th</sup> St and Hwy 51 were part of the ODOT domain. She stated she believed once the traffic count reached a certain amount ODOT would be putting them into service.

Jason Smith stated that he had spoken to ODOT who said they are waiting for the City of Coweta to contact them to initiate the lights being placed into service.

Councilmember Lauren Given requested that the City contact ODOT and request a traffic count from 111<sup>th</sup> St to 121<sup>st</sup> St area on Hwy 51.

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Mayor Houge stated that someone from the City would reach out to ODOT to speak about the lights at 116<sup>th</sup> St and Hwy 51 and see about the possibility of crosswalks being installed at 121<sup>st</sup> St and Hwy 51.

Each Director spoke briefly about what is happening in their department and what they hoped to accomplish with the fiscal year 2026 budget.

Community Development Director Carolyn Back discussed the PUD process.

City Attorney Patrick Boulden spoke about the annexation process.

Councilmember Jeremy Barnett asked if the City had been in compliance with the recent annexations.

Patrick Boulden assured everyone that the City had been compliant with the annexations.

Carolyn Back further discussed the annexation process, how city limits fence lines work and upcoming economic growth to the City.

Mayor Hogue spoke about concerns with spot zoning within the City and the importance of staying consistent.

Lauren Givan asked if the recent annexation would allow Coweta Public Schools to get more funding.

Carolyn Back stated that the school district in the recently annexed areas remains part of Broken Arrow's school district. She also stated that cities cannot annex areas outside of their fence lines.

Lauren Givan asked if we have anything in the pipeline that will help funnel people in Coweta instead of Broken Arrow.

Carolyn Back confirmed that yes things are in the works to help attract more people to Coweta. She stated that the fence line helps cities control those types of things and keeps cities from encroaching on other cities.

Lauren Givan stated how important grocery dollars, gas money, and people spending inside Coweta city limits are to our community.

Jeremy Barnett asked if Council could get a copy of the map showing the fence line of Coweta.

Julie Casteen said she could get a copy to the Councilmembers and that the map is also the same as our fire district map.

Jason Smith suggested the City look at the Flood Plain map from FEMA. He stated that several developments around the Woods are having issues with water coming from 101<sup>st</sup> St and working its way towards 121<sup>st</sup> St. He continues to say that stormwater is becoming a problem. He asks if the bridge on 121<sup>st</sup> St was going to be wide enough to handle the stormwater.

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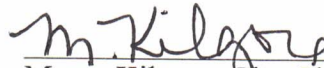
Julie Casteen stated that the new bridge will be a three-lane bridge, and the City is actively working on obtaining the right-of-way needed for the wider structure. Once the right-of-way is obtained the project will go out for bids.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Town Hall meeting concluded at 7:05 p.m.



Naomi Hogue, Mayor



Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk

