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**AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING
COWETA CITY COUNCIL
COWETA CITY HALL, 310 S. BROADWAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 6:00 PM**

MEETING PROCEDURE: Comments on all scheduled agenda items will be heard immediately following the presentation by staff or the petitioner. Please wait until you are recognized by the Mayor and keep your comments as brief as possible. Individuals addressing the City Council must identify themselves by name prior to making any comments. The City Council will consider, discuss, and may take action on, approve, adopt, amend, reject, deny, table, or not take action on any item listed on this agenda after comments from staff and the City Council have been heard.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Naomi Hogue ____ Jeremy Barnett ____ Daniel Beatie ____ Joshua Wilburn ____
Donald Vieth ____

IV. GENERAL CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

(During the General City Council Comments section of the agenda, the City Council shall make no decision or take any action except as to request the City Manager to schedule the matter for Council discussion at a later date.)

V. CITY MANAGER REPORT

1. **NEW HIRES**

Jose Sanchez Garcia, 12/17/2025 – Parks Maintenance Worker
Jacquelyn Hedge, 12/17/2025 – Communications Officer

2. **PROJECT UPDATES**

• **Project Atlas (Data Center):**

The Planning Commission public hearing will take place on January 19th, 2026, and the City Council public hearing is scheduled for February 2, 2026. Both of these meetings will be held at ICTC.

• **Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Audit:**

McKay Hale, Assistant City Manager, is diligently working on the FY2025 Financial Report. Due to the retirement of our previous auditors, the City has a new auditing firm this year, and this has caused a slight delay in the release of the audit. We hope to have the final report completed in the next 4-6 weeks.

- **Economic Development:**

City staff recently met with several local business owners to discuss opportunities to strengthen our economic development efforts. The Mayor and Vice Mayor also held a follow-up meeting to hear additional concerns and suggestions. While the City continues to support business recruitment efforts through the firm contracted by Wagoner County, I feel a more focused approach is needed to assist small businesses and improve business retention. Staff is planning additional meetings to bring together stakeholders interested in contributing ideas and participating in a coordinated effort to build a stronger local business base. If you are interested in joining a committee, please reach out to me.

- **Public Safety Building Groundbreaking Ceremonies:**

With the bids for the Police and Fire Stations scheduled for award, we are making plans for two separate groundbreaking events to be held in the next few weeks.

- **Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:**

Planning for next year's budget will begin in the next couple of weeks. Please let me know if you have items or capital projects that you would like to see considered in the upcoming budget. Donald Vieth has proposed a dog park and disc golf course, which was designed a few years ago by a graduate student from OU to be completed at Cottonwood Park. I'm excited to move this project forward and hope to secure sufficient funding to begin building new facilities on the vacant flood properties that were purchased through FEMA grants several years ago.

- **City Manager Association of Oklahoma Conference:**

I will be out of the office January 21-23 attending the CMAO conference in Enid.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **LETTER FROM FORMER CITY ATTORNEY DAVID WEATHERFORD REGARDING NON DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS**

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. **REQUEST BY RUSSELL FAITH TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL ABOUT A NOISE AND NUISANCE COMPLAINT AGAINST THE CONCRETE PLANT ON S 257TH E AVE- REQUESTING ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO LIMIT THE TIME THE PLANT CAN RUN**
2. **REQUEST BY DOUGLAS KIRKLEY TO DISCUSS THE 121ST STREET BRIDGE PROJECT**

VIII. CONSENT

(All matters under the "Consent Calendar" are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any Councilmember may, however, remove an item from consent by request.)

1. **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Coweta City Council Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2025. *Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk/Treasurer*

2. **ONEVOICE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, RESOLUTION 2026-01**
Approval of Resolution 2026-01 Supporting the 2026 OneVoice regional legislative agenda; urging state and federal legislators to consider issues identified in the OneVoice Agenda.
Julie Casteen, City Manager
3. **APPOINTMENT OF TIM AHLSTROM TO THE COWETA PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**
Confirmation of the Appointment of Tim Ahlstrom to the Coweta Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment by the Mayor of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma for an unexpired term that ends June 1, 2027.
Jessica Zwirtz, Community Development Director
4. **APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER CURTIS TO THE COWETA PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**
Confirmation of the Appointment of Jennifer Curtis to the Coweta Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment by the Mayor of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma for an unexpired term that ends June 1, 2026.
Jessica Zwirtz, Community Development Director
5. **APPOINTMENT OF KATHY FOSTER TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE #1 TO THE COWETA PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**
Confirmation of the Appointment of Kathy Foster to serve as Alternate #1 on the Coweta Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment by the Mayor of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma for an unexpired term that ends June 1, 2028.
Jessica Zwirtz, Community Development Director
6. **ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PERMITS**
Acknowledge receipt of the following construction permits issued by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality:
 1. Permit No. SL000073250823 issued on December 12, 2025, for the construction of 4,713 linear feet of eight-inch (8') PVC gravity sanitary sewer line and all appurtenances to serve The Woods Phase VI Blocks 32-35, Facility No. S-20410.
 2. Permit No. SL000073250840 issued on December 12, 2025, for the construction of 3,487 linear feet of eight-inch (8') PVC gravity sanitary sewer line and all appurtenances to serve Lancaster Park - Phase II, Facility No. S-20410.
 3. General Permit No. OKLAA250022/OPDES Permit No. OK0045845 issued on December 16, 2025 for the one-time land application of residuals removed from the Water Treatment Plant reservoir, Facility No. W-21506.
 4. Permit No. SL000073250754 issued on December 23, 2025 for the construction of one (1) 100 GPM lift station rehabilitation and all appurtenances to serve the Lift Station Rehabilitation at East 141st Street South and South 267th East Avenue, Facility No. S-20410.

Julie Casteen, City Manager

7. **RESOLUTION 2026-03 REGARDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE LIBRARY FUND**
Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2025-03, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, adopting amendments to the annual appropriations for the budget of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026; appropriating \$14,940 in the Library Fund from State Aid received from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries for Books and Program Supplies.
Julie Casteen, City Manager

IX. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

X. ADMINISTRATION

1. **REQUEST BY S. ALLEN PRATHER TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE NUMEROUS REASONS THE EMPLOYMENT OF JULIE CASTEEN WITH THE CITY OF COWETA SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED**
2. **AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAW**
Discuss and consider approval of a Letter of Engagement with the Center for Economic Development Law for legal assistance in drafting a Development Agreement related to the Tax Increment District (TID) for Project Atlas.
Julie Casteen, City Manager
3. **RESOLUTION 2025-45 REGARDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS (TABLED FROM DECEMBER 1, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING)**
Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2025-45, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, adopting amendments to the annual appropriations for the budget of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026; appropriating \$50,000 in the General Fund from unencumbered fund balance for legal services to be provided by the Center for Economic Development Law.
Julie Casteen, City Manager
4. **ORDINANCE 912 - CONCEALED CARRY AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL JUDGES**
Discuss and consider action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma amending Coweta City Code Title 7, "Offenses and Crimes", Chapter 7-9, "Weapons Control", by adding a new Section 7-2-5, titled "Concealed Carry Authorizations"; authorizing City elected officials and municipal judges to carry a concealed firearm in certain circumstances and locations; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency.
Julie Casteen, City Manager
5. **RESOLUTION 2026-02 ACCEPTING 273RD EAST AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**
Discuss and consider action on the adoption of Resolution 2026-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma accepting roadway improvements to South 273rd East Avenue as public property, located within the Roland Coweta Tract, Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 15 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.
Jessica Zwitz, Community Development Director

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

IF YOU REQUIRE A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION PURSUANT TO THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT,
PLEASE NOTIFY CITY HALL AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING.