

**MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

The agenda for this meeting was posted at least 24 hours prior to the start of this meeting at the entrance of City Hall, 310 S Broadway, Coweta, OK.

The members of the Coweta City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Coweta City Hall, 310 S Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Naomi Hogue, Jeremy Barnett, Joshua Wilburn, Donald Vieth

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

Mayor Hogue warned the audience to stay warm, it's snowing, and to please stay safe.

V. CITY MANAGER REPORT

1. NEW HIRES

Sonny Bevard, 11/10/2025- Water Plant Operator

Branden Townsend, 11/20/2025- Parks Maintenance Worker

The City Manager welcomed new hires, Sonny Bevard, Water Plant Operator and Branden Townsend, Parks Maintenance Worker.

2. PROJECT UPDATES

- **Project Atlas (Data Center):** The developer has requested to delay the process by an additional month, with the Planning Commission Public Hearing to take place on January 19th, 2026, and the City Council Public Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2026 at 6:00pm at ICTC.
- **Police Station and Fire Station No. 1:** The bidding period has been extended to allow for numerous questions to be addressed. Bids will be reviewed for reward in January, with groundbreaking ceremonies planned shortly thereafter.

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- **121st Street Bridge:** Progress on this project is currently delayed due to ongoing negotiations with property owners regarding the additional right-of-way needed for widening. The City is working towards a resolution and hopes to avoid condemnation proceedings.
- **Left turn light at 141st Street South and SH-51:** Public Works Director Edgar Barroso and his team coordinated the installation of a dedicated left turn signal at this busy intersection near QuikTrip and Roy's Chicken. The new signal enhances safety and reduces congestion, offering much-needed relief for drivers previously forced to navigate impatient oncoming traffic.
- **257th East Avenue Reconstruction:** Construction is expected to begin this week. The project has a 180-day completion window, though early completion is anticipated. The roadway has been engineered to accommodate concrete truck traffic, providing much-needed relief for nearby homeowners.
- **Coweta Casino Hotel Project:** City staff and community leaders toured the interior of the casino last week. The opening is anticipated in early March, and excitement is building for the positive impact this new facility will bring.
- **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FY26 Q-1**

Julie Casteen outlined the quarterly financial report for the first quarter of FY26.

No action taken by Council.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LETTER FROM PAM MORGAN IN RECOGNITION OF CHERYL SHIELDNIGHT

Julie Casteen read aloud a letter that was received from Pam Morgan recognizing Cheryl Shieldnight for going above and beyond when setting up accounts for customers and landlords.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. REQUEST BY DARREN BLANCHARD TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL ABOUT EXTERNALITIES RELATED TO PROJECT ATLAS

Darren Blanchard communicated concerns about property rights, easements, industrialization of rural America, national security threats and utility rate increases. Mentions of a petition with seven hundred online signatures were also made during the presentation.

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VIII. CONSENT

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Jeremy Barnett to approve the consent calendar items:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Coweta City Council regular meeting held on November 3, 2025.
2. Acknowledgement of receipt of Permit No. SL000073250894 issued by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality on November 18, 2025, for the construction of a sanitary sewer line in Spradlin Estates III, Facility No. S-20410, and acknowledgment of receipt of Permit No. SX000073250893 by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality on November 18, 2025, to receive, transport and/or treat flow from Spradlin Estates III.
3. Approval of the Eastern Oklahoma Development District Invoice for administrative services in the amount of \$1650.00, related to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) No. 19508, to be paid with funds from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Jeremy Barnett
Joshua Wilburn
Donald Vieth

IX. CONSIDER ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

No items removed.

X. ADMINISTRATION

1. PURCHASE SEVEN (7) KEYSECURE 6 APPARATUS KEY VAULTS, AND SIX (6) ELECTRONIC KEYS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM KNOX COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,954.78

Fire Chief Brian Woodward led discussion and requested possible action related to the purchase of seven (7) Keysecure 6 apparatus key vaults and six (6) electronic keys for the fire department from Knox Company in the amount of \$10,954.78, funded in the Capital Improvement Fund, account 12-5404.009.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Jeremy Barentt to approve the purchase of seven (7) Keysecure 6 apparatus key vaults and six (6) electronic keys for the fire department from Knox Company in the amount of \$10,954.78, funded in the Capital Improvement Fund, account 12-5404.009.

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2. RESOLUTION 2025-44 ACCEPTING A 10-FOOT SANITARY SEWER LINE EASEMENT

Community Development Director Jessica Zwirtz led discussion and requested possible action related to the adoption of Resolution 2025-44, a resolution accepting a 10-foot sanitary sewer line easement from Loren Payne and Melody Payne, located on property within Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 15 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, at or near 607 South Old Main St, in Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Jeremy Barnett to approve the adoption of Resolution 2025-44, a resolution accepting a 10-foot sanitary sewer line easement from Loren Payne and Melody Payne, located on property within Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 15 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, at or near 607 South Old Mian St, in wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Jeremy Barnett
Joshua Wilburn
Donald Vieth

3. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONCERNING ROADS TO BE ADDED TO THE NATIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY INVENTORY

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the approval of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Coweta and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation concerning roads that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation proposes to add to the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Jeremy Barnett to approve a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Coweta and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation concerning roads that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation proposes to add to the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
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4. RESOLUTION 2025-40- BANK SIGNATORIES

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the adoption of Resolution 2025-40, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma approving Naomi Hogue, Mayor; Julie Casteen, City Manager; McKay Hale, Assistant City Manager; and Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk, as authorized signatories on certain accounts held by First National Bank of Coweta, RCB Bank of Coweta, and BancFirst.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Jeremy Barnett to approve the adoption of Resolution 2025-40, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma approving Naomi Hogue, Mayor; Julie Casteen, City Manager; McKay Hale, Assistant City Manager; and Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk, as authorized signatories on certain accounts held by First National Bank of Coweta, RCB Bank of Coweta, and BancFirst.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Jeremy Barnett
Joshua Wilburn
Donald Vieth

5. RESOLUTION 2025-43 REGARDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to adoption of Resolution 2025-43, 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 in the General Fund \$12,400 from unencumbered fund balance, \$12,600 in miscellaneous revenue, and \$100,000 in building permits for a total of \$125,000 to fund salaries and benefits in the general fund.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Jeremy Barnett to approve the adoption of Resolution 2025-43, 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 in the General Fund \$12,400 from unencumbered fund balance, \$12,600 in miscellaneous revenue, and \$100,000 in building permits for a total of \$125,000 to fund salaries and benefits in the general fund.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
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6. RESOLUTION 2025-45 REGARDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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Discuss and consider 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, 2025; appropriating \$50,000 in the General Fund from unencumbered fund balance for legal services to be provided by the Center of Economic Development.

This item was tabled for the next City Council meeting to be held on January 5, 2026.

7. WARD 4 APPOINTMENT

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the appointment of a candidate to the Ward 4 Council seat; including possible discussions with applicants; including Xiomara Gray, Daniel Beatie, Ashley Lowery-Radebaugh, Christopher Thomas, and other applicants whose applications were not received by the time this agenda was posted.

City Council members listened to applicants explain why they would like to be appointed to the Ward 4 Council seat.

Applicant Christopher Thomas was not in attendance.

Motion by Jeremy Barnett, second by Naomi Hogue selecting Daniel Beatie as the appointee to the Ward 4 seat vacancy.

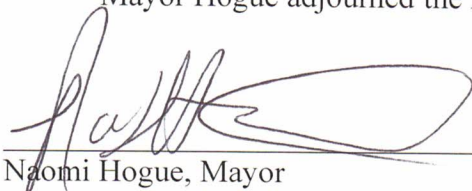
Aye: Jeremy Barnett
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XI. NEW BUSINESS

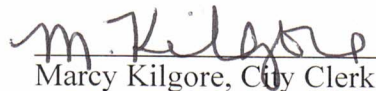
No new business.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hogue adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



Naomi Hogue, Mayor



Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk

