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**AGENDA - SPECIAL MEETING
COWETA CITY COUNCIL
COWETA CITY HALL, 310 S. BROADWAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 2:00 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 ____ Donald Vieth ____

IV. ADMINISTRATION

1. **RESOLUTION 2026-27 CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY IN COUNCIL WARD 3**

Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2026-27 calling for an election to fill the vacancy in Coweta City Council Ward 3 at a special election to be held on August 25, 2026.

Patrick Boulden, City Attorney

V. ADJOURNMENT

*If you wish to speak during this meeting, please sign in before the meeting begins using the sign-up sheet located on the table near the podium. Speakers may address only those items listed on the posted agenda. All cell phones and electronic devices must be turned **off** or **set to silent** for the duration of the meeting.*

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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Patrick Boulden, City Attorney

Re: **RESOLUTION 2026-27 CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY IN COUNCIL WARD 3**

Date: June 7, 2026

BACKGROUND

When a vacancy occurs in a City Councilmember's office, the City Council must appoint, by a majority vote of the remaining members, a person to fill the vacancy until the next general municipal election, to serve until a successor is elected. This vacancy shall then be filled at the next general municipal election on Tuesday, April 6, 2027, to complete the balance of the unexpired term. If the vacancy has not been filled by the City Council within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurred on April 7, 2026, then the City Council must call for a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy for the duration of the unexpired term.

The sixtieth (60) lapsed at the end of June 6, 2026; the last day to serve the Wagoner County Election Board is Wednesday June 10, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Once the Election Board is served with the proposed Election Resolution, Declarations of Candidacy for the office of Councilmember representing Council Ward 3 must be filed with the Wagoner County Election Board beginning Monday, June 15, 2026 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 2026-27 calling for a special election to fill the vacancy in City Council Ward 3.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2026-27-Notice of 2026 Special Council Election

2. Ward 3 Special Election Dates and Deadlines

(Published in the Tulsa World,
June 11, 2026).

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, PURSUANT TO TITLE 26 OKLAHOMA STATUTES, SECTION 13-102, NOTIFYING THE WAGONER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD OF A NONPARTISAN SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD, IF NEEDED, IN THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 2026, FOR THE OFFICE OF ONE (1) CITY COUNCIL POSITION REPRESENTING CITY COUNCIL WARD THREE (3); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 8-109 and 16-105.1 requires the holding of a nonpartisan special election in the City of Coweta, Oklahoma on the fourth Tuesday in August, the same being Tuesday, August 25, 2026. On that date, one City Councilmember is to be elected from City Council Ward Three (3). The laws applicable to special elections shall govern this municipal election. Pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 16-104, all Councilmembers of the City of Coweta shall be elected at-large by the registered voters of the entire municipality. At such election, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected for that office, provided that pursuant to Title 26 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 8-105, should a tie occur, the elected Councilmember shall be determined by lot during a public meeting before the Wagoner County Election Board;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 8-102, the term of office for the City Councilmember serving City Council Ward Three (3) and elected on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, was to serve a four (4) year term effective at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 14, 2025, and expiring at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 16, 2029;

WHEREAS, no declaration of candidacy was filed by any person to be elected to the position of City Councilmember then serving City Council Ward Three (3) at the general election held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, effective at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 14, 2025 that office was deemed vacant, provided that the previously elected City Councilmember serving City Council Ward Three (3), Harold Chance, continued to serve as a “holdover” Councilmember until his successor was duly elected and qualified. 11 O.S. Section 8-102;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 O.S. Section 8-109, on Monday, June 2, 2025, at a regular meeting of the Coweta City Council, Joshua Wilburn was appointed to succeed Coweta City Councilmember Ward Three (3) Harold Chance as the Ward 3 Councilmember, to serve until the next general municipal election on Tuesday, April 6, 2027 and his successor is elected and qualified;

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, the Coweta City Councilmember for Ward Three (3), Joshua Wilburn, resigned from his office, effective immediately, thus creating a vacancy in the office of Coweta City Councilmember for Ward Three (3);

WHEREAS, Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 8-109 requires that when a vacancy occurs in an office of a Coweta City Councilmember, the remaining members of the Coweta City Council shall appoint, by a majority vote, a person to fill the vacancy until the next general municipal election and if the vacancy is not been filled within sixty (60) days after it occurs, the City Council shall call for a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy for the duration of the remaining term expiring at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 16, 2029;

WHEREAS, within sixty (60) days after the resignation of City Council member Joshua Wilburn on April, 7, 2026, the sixtieth day being Saturday, June 6, 2026, the Coweta City Council had not filled the office of Coweta City Councilmember for Ward Three (3) and it is now incumbent upon the Coweta City Council to fill that office by calling for a special election to be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-114 all Declarations of Candidacy for the office of City Councilmember from City Council Ward Three (3) must be filed with the Wagoner County Election Board no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the third Monday in June 2026, the same being Monday, June 15, 2026 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Wednesday, the same being Wednesday, June 17, 2026, all of which constitute a three day filing period which is not more than twenty (20) days from the last date this resolution is required to be filed with the Wagoner County Election Board, which is Wednesday, June 10, 2026;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-110, a candidate shall be a registered voter at an address within the City of Coweta, Oklahoma and Coweta City Council Ward three (3) for at least six (6) months prior to filing a Declaration of Candidacy for Coweta City Council Ward Three (3), the same being the six-month period from and including December 15, 2025, through December 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 26 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-114, the general laws of the State of Oklahoma applicable to special municipal elections shall be in full force and effect as to special municipal elections, and all notices, canvass of returns, and proceedings relating to any such election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1. That the Election Board of Wagoner County be and is here notified that a nonpartisan special municipal election will be held, if necessary, in the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, on the fourth Tuesday in August, the same being Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at which time one City Councilmember is to be elected from and for City Council Ward Three (3) to serve until the general municipal election on Tuesday, April 3, 2029 and a successor is elected and qualified. This Councilmember shall be elected at-large by the entire registered voters within the corporate limits of the City of Coweta.

Section 2. That the City of Coweta is a municipal corporation located entirely within Wagoner County, Oklahoma, and the territory and boundaries of the office of City Councilmember from City Council Ward Three (3) are located entirely within Wagoner County.

Section 3. That the Election Board of Wagoner County be and is here notified that the boundaries of the territories and wards represented by the five (5) members of the Coweta City Council are as depicted on the map attached as Exhibit "A".

Section 4. That the Election Board of Wagoner County be and is here notified that pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-114 all Declarations of Candidacy for the office of City Councilmember from City Council Wards Three (3) must be filed with the Wagoner County Election Board no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the third Monday in June 2026, the same being Monday, June 15, 2026 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Wednesday, the same being Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

Section 5. That the Election Board of Wagoner County be and is here notified that pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-110, no person shall be eligible to become a candidate for the offices of City Councilmember from City Council Wards Three (3) unless such person shall have been a registered voter at an address within the City of Coweta, and Coweta City Council Ward Three (3) for at least six (6) months prior to filing a declaration of candidacy, the same being the six-month period from and including December 15, 2025, through December 17, 2025. Once elected, pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 8-101, The Ward Three (3) Councilmember must continue to be a resident and a registered voter of the City of Coweta and an actual resident of Coweta City Council Ward Three (3).

Section 6. That the Election Board of Wagoner County be and is here notified that absentee ballots shall be provided for in this special election in the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, in a manner in accord with the provisions now established by the laws of the state of Oklahoma.

Section 7. That the Election Board of Wagoner County be and is here notified that, in general and special elections for Councilmembers and all notices, canvass of returns, and all proceedings relating to these elections, the general laws of the state applicable to municipal elections shall be in full force and effect.

Section 8. That this election shall be conducted by those precinct officials designated by the Wagoner County Election Board, which officials shall also act as counters and certify the election results to the Wagoner County Election Board, which shall canvass the returns as in the case of regular elections and certify the returns as required by law.

Section 9. That at this election the candidate from Wards Three (3) receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected for that office, provided that should a tie occur, the elected Councilmember shall be determined by lot during a public meeting before the Wagoner County Election Board.

Section 10. That pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-106, should any candidate be unopposed for the office of Coweta City Councilmember for Ward Three (3) in the special municipal election, that candidate shall be deemed elected and certified; the candidate's name shall not appear on the special election ballot; and this special municipal election shall not be held.

Section 11. That pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-101, the City Clerk is directed to give notice of this special election by publishing this resolution in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Coweta at least ten (10) days before the date of this special election, the same being at least ten (10) days before Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

Section 12. That the City of Coweta certifies no persons reside within Wagoner County voter precincts 730305, and 730310 within the Coweta city limits, that those precincts have zero (0) registered voters within the Coweta city limits, and as such shall be closed for purposes of the August 25, 2026, special municipal election.

Section 13. *Severability Clause.* If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution or any part of it is for any reason found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this resolution or any part of it.

ADOPTED by the Coweta City Council on June 7, 2026.

Naomi Hogue
Mayor of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma

(Seal)
ATTEST:

Marcy Kilgore, Coweta City Clerk

APPROVED:

Patrick T. Boulden, Coweta City Attorney

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE

SECRETARY, WAGONER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

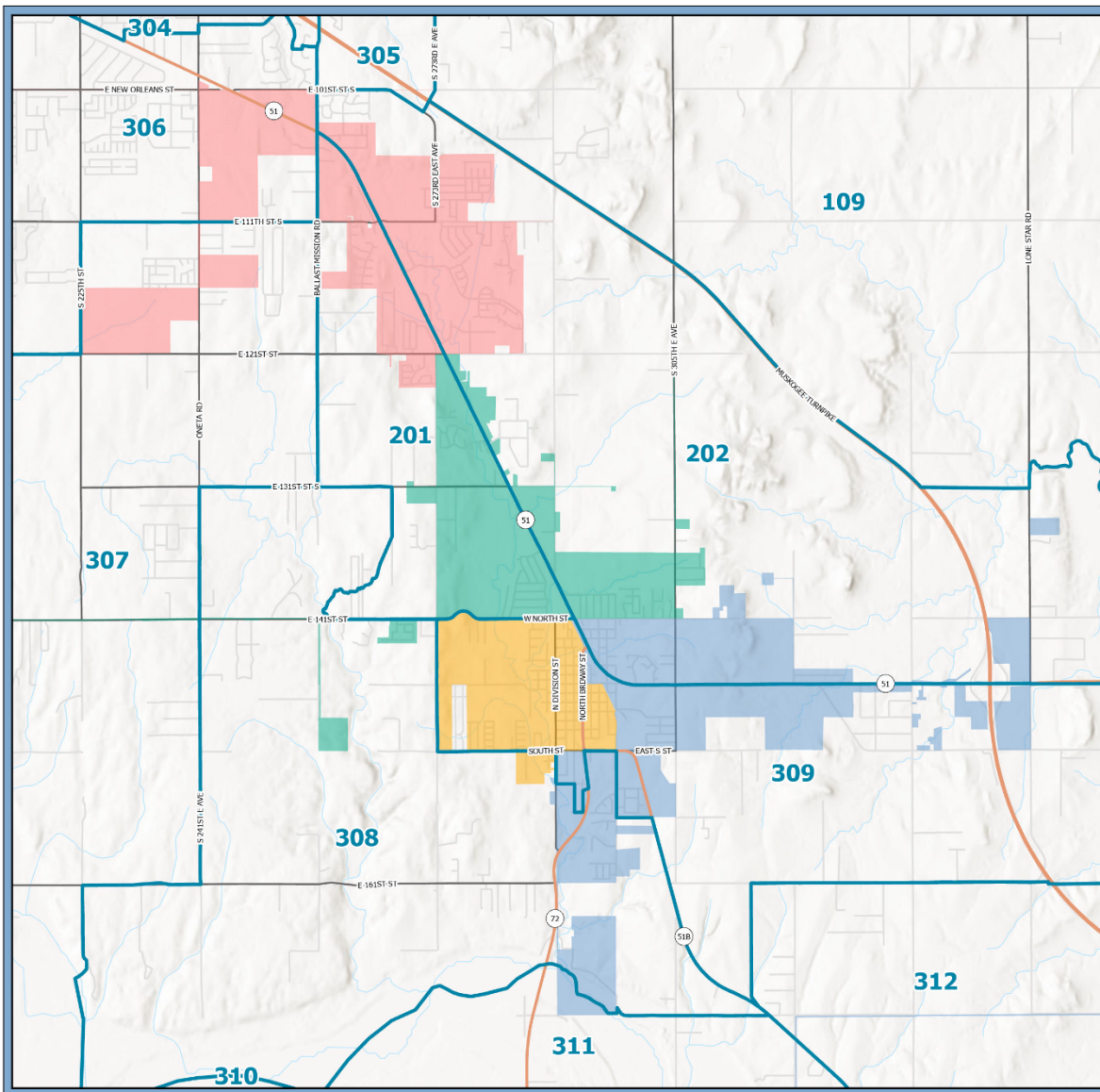
Service of the above Resolution is now acknowledged to have been made on

Date

By: _____
Samantha Call, Secretary
Wagoner County Election Board
(SEAL)

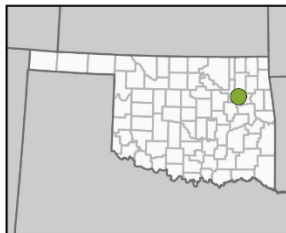
City of Coweta

City Council Wards & Voter Precincts



Legend

■ Ward District 1	 Voting Districts
■ Ward District 2	 Highway
■ Ward District 3	 Major Road
■ Ward District 4	 Road
	— Streams



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Election Resolution Exhibit "A"

Coweta City Limits and Council Ward Map

City Council Ward 3 Special Election Dates and Deadlines

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Submission and effective date of the resignation of Joshua Wilburn.

Wednesday, April 8 thru Saturday, June 6, 2026

The 60-day period within which the City Council is authorized to appoint a successor to Joshua Wilburn. If the vacancy has not been filled within sixty (60) days after it occurs, the governing body shall call for a special election. 11 O.S. 8-109(A).

Sunday, June 7, 2026

The first day upon which the City Council may adopt an Election Resolution to elect a successor to Joshua Wilburn

Monday, June 8, 2026

Suggested day that the City Council hold a Special Meeting to adopt an Election Resolution. Ideally this would be conducted in the morning so that the Election Board can be served with the Resolution before they close at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

The legal last date and time the City's Election Resolution must be served on the Wagoner County Election Board. This is 75 days before the August 25, 2026, election day. This is the federal requirement to provide additional time for absentee ballots to be provided to and received from the military overseas, since August 25 is a federal and state primary runoff day.

Monday thru Wednesday, June 15-17, 2026

The suggested days that Declarations of Candidacy be filed with the Wagoner County Election Board. These dates must be identified in the Election Resolution. There are no prescribed days for this to occur, except as described in the following item,

Sunday, June 21, 2026

The Election Board calendar states that Sunday, June 21 is the last day to begin the Special Election Filing Period.

Friday, July 31, 2026

This is the last day that voters can register to vote before the August 25, 2026, election.

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

Councilmember Qualifications

1. Candidates shall be residents and registered voters in City of Coweta Ward 3 for at least six (6) months prior to filing their declaration of candidacy.
2. They shall be actual residents of Coweta City Council Ward 3 at the time of their candidacy and election,

11 O.S. Sections 8-101 and 16-110; Coweta City Code Section 1-7A-1(B)