

**MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 13, 2026, 6:00 P.M.**

The agenda for this meeting was posted at least 48 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 special session on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 310 S Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Naomi Hogue, Daniel Beatie, 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 reminded those in attendance that the annual trash off event is scheduled for this weekend, and the metal event is the following weekend. She also reminded everyone to be weather aware.

V. CITY MANAGER REPORT

1. NEW HIRES

City Manager Julie Casteen welcomed new hires Charles Green, Streets Equipment Operator and Joseph Duin, Civil Infrastructure Inspector.

2. PROJECT UPDATES

- **Police Station:** The Police Station remains on schedule, with exterior sheathing and roof decking complete. The vapor barrier application is next, while plumbers and electricians work on various components of the building.
- **Fire Station No. 1:** Fire Station No. 1 is also on track, with the final slab for the equipment bays poured last week. The metal building is expected to be delivered in mid-August. Materials are being mobilized at the site.
- **Water Treatment Plant Generator Project:** The generator has been delivered to the site, with the connection to natural gas in progress.

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- **Wastewater Plant Improvement Project:** Multiple crews are actively working on site to keep the project on track for its revised completion date of December 31, 2026. Once completed, the project will double the capacity of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and has been strategically designed to allow for efficient future expansion as the community continues to grow.
- **Food Truck Park:** The design for the new food truck park is complete and will go out for bids soon. The park, to be located on the vacant lot south of City Hall, will be known as “Coweta Commons,” with the food truck area named “The Feedlot.”
- **ODOT Downtown Highway 72 (Broadway) Reconstruction Project:** The ODOT Broadway reconstruction project, which was originally scheduled to begin this fall, has been postponed to July 2028 due to the need for more extensive drainage improvements that originally anticipated. ODOT is continuing to refine the project design and will be meeting with several local businesses over the coming weeks to gather feedback on site-specific challenges and access concerns. The project will include pavement rehabilitation as well as the reconstruction of sidewalks and curb ramps on both sides of Broadway to ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. While ODOT will bear the cost burden of the project, the City plans to budget for new streetlamps and other enhancements with next year’s budget cycle.
- **121st Street Bridge Project:** We are continuing to coordinate with ONG on the relocation of a natural gas line needed to accommodate the widening of the existing structure. However, one of the property owners with whom we had previously negotiated the necessary right-of-way has requested additional terms that the City is unable to accommodate at this time. We will continue working with the property owner to address this unexpected challenge and pursue a fair and mutually acceptable resolution.

Judge Doug Kirkley addressed the Council with his concerns about the 121st Street Bridge Project. He stated it was time for condemnation and asked why an agreement has not been signed. He stated that he feels like those living around the 121st Street bridge have been forgotten, and the neighborhood is being destroyed. He said that in 2022 the One Cent Sales Tax was approved with progress seen on the Fire Station and the Police Station. However, not any progress has been made with the 121st Street Bridge project.

Joshua Wilburn spoke about the progress made by the current leadership. He spoke about annexing land into the city and the challenges it brings to our infrastructure. He asked what the city has done to maintain current infrastructure as we grow. Mr. Wilburn asked why we conform for one property owner but not for others and at what expense do we do just that.

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VI. PRESENTATION

1. OACP TO AWARD SERGEANT CHARLES MCCOLLOUGH AN AWARD FOR THE 2026 SMALL AGENCY OFFICE OF THE YEAR.

Steve Whitlock presented Sergeant Charles McCollough with the 2026 Small Agency Officer of the Year award on behalf of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP).

2. PUBLIC HEARING- CDBG PROJECT 19508 24 CLOSEOUT

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:20 p.m.

Scott Harding with OWRB discussed the Community Development Block Grant (19508 CBDG24)

Comments and questions from the public included items such as whether the quality of water would be going up with the modifications that were made to the Skyview Water Tower.

Public Works Edgar Barroso discussed the process of modifications that were completed on the Skyview Water Tower.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Donald Vieth to close the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Donald Vieth
Daniel Beatie

VII. CONSENT

1. Approval of the minutes of the Coweta City Council Regular Meeting held on June 1, 2026.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Coweta City Council/Coweta Public Works Authority/Coweta Industrial Development Authority Joint Special Meeting held on June 1, 2026.
3. Approval of the minutes of the Coweta City Council Special Meeting minutes held on June 7, 2026.
4. **CROSSROADS COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Renewal of a professional services agreement with Crossroads Communications, LLC for public relations consulting at a cost of \$50,000, and direction to the City Manager to

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execute all necessary documents.

**5. PURCHASE OF A STAND-OK MOWER FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT
FROM SOUTHSIDE MOWERS FOR \$8,300.00**

Approval of the purchase of a Scag Stand-On lawn mower from Southside Mowers for \$8,300.00, budgeted in account 12-5404.014.

**6. PURCHASE OF AN EQUIPMENT TRAILER FOR THE STREETS
DEPARTMENT FROM NATIONWIDE TRAILERS, LLC FOR \$17,449.00.**

Approval of the purchase of an equipment trailer from Nationwide Trailers, LLC for \$17,449.00, budgeted in account 12-5404.015 in the Capital Improvements Fund.

7. RESOLUTION 2026-32 REGARDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Approval of Resolution 2026-32, 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, 2027; appropriating \$1,592 in the General Fund from donations received for the purchase of animal supplies for the animal shelter and equipment for the fire department.

**8. RESOLUTION 2026-34 - ACCEPTANCE OF A GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT
IN TIMBER RIDGE ESTATES**

Discussion and possible action on the adoption of Resolution 2026-34, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, accepting a general utility easement located in Timber Ridge Estates, within Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 15 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, City of Coweta, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

**9. RESOLUTION 2026-35 - ACCEPTANCE OF A GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT
IN TIMBER RIDGE ESTATES**

Discussion and possible action on the adoption of Resolution 2026-35, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, accepting a general utility easement located in Timber Ridge Estates, within Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 15 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, City of Coweta, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

**10. RESOLUTION 2026-36 - ACCEPTANCE OF A GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT
IN TIMBER RIDGES ESTATES**

Discussion and possible action on the adoption of Resolution 2026-36, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, accepting a general utility easement located in Timber Ridge Estates, within Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 15 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, City of Coweta, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

Joshua Wilburn addressed the City Council with concerns about signing an agreement with Crossroads Communications. He stated that the public relations have been questionable at best and encouraged Council to explore options of bringing public relations in house. He

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felt a public relations director could be hired for \$35,000 to \$50,000 and that other staff members could assist in public relations. He suggested in doing so, the city would likely be painted in a more positive light.

Allen Prather urged the City Council to not renew the agreement with Crossroads Communications.

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Beatie requested removal of Item 7.4, Renewal of a professional services agreement with Crossroads Communications, for separate discussion and action.

Motion by Daniel Beatie, second by Donald Vieth to remove Item 4. Crossroads Communications Professional Services Agreement from consent.

Aye: Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth
Naomi Hogue

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to approve the remaining consent calendar items.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth

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

**1. CROSSROADS COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

Renewal of a professional services agreement with Crossroads Communications LLC for public relations consulting at a cost of \$50,000, and direction to the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Daniel Beatie, second by Donald Vieth to table item until next meeting.

Aye: Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth
Naomi Hogue

IX. ADMINISTRATION

1. SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

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Discuss and consider action on the selection of a Vice-Mayor for the City of Coweta per Title 1, Chapter 7A-2 of the Coweta City Code of Ordinances.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to select Daniel Beatie as the Vice-Mayor for the City of Coweta per Title 1, Chapter 7A-2 of the Coweta City Code of Ordinances

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie

Nay: Donald Vieth

2. RESOLUTION 2026-31, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SKYVIEW TOWER MODIFICATION PROJECT, 19508 CDBG 24

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the adoption of Resolution 2026-31, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, accepting the completion of the Skyview Tower Modification Project, 1905 CDBG 24.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to approve the adoption of Resolution 2026-31, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, accepting the completion of the Skyview Tower Modification Project, 1905 CDBG 24.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth

3. ORDINANCE 920 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the approval of Ordinance 920, an ordinance of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma; amending Coweta City Code Title 10, "Public Services", by adding a new Chapter 10-4, "Stormwater Management Fee"; establishing a service fee for the use of the City's stormwater drainage system; prescribing criteria for the calculation of stormwater service fees; providing for collections, adjustments, and appeals; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency.

Public comments were received from Joe Cash, Ashley Lewis, and Jimmy Rothrock. Comments and concerns included:

How is this going to help ditching issues and other current issues?

Doubts that customers will ever see the benefit from the additional fee.

What will the cost per square foot be for businesses?

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Does the money get allocated to stormwater runoff only or can it be put into the general fund?

How is the money used and how is it guaranteed the money is used for what it is said to be used for and not tucked away.

Daniel Beatie said that he knows people including himself are never in favor of more fees but feels stormwater runoff issues are something everyone has in Coweta. He stated that he thought it was a good starting point to fix the problems. He does not know that it is perfect but does know it's a starting point.

Edgar Barroso explained that the fees would cover the testing required by DEQ and the EPA. He explained the process and baseline plan for the next five years. He also stated that Coweta was one of the only places in the Green Country area that does not already charge a stormwater fee.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to approve the adoption of Ordinance 920, an ordinance of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma; amending Coweta City Code Title 10, "Public Services", by adding a new Chapter 10-4, "Stormwater Management Fee"; establishing a service fee for the use of the City's stormwater drainage system; prescribing criteria for the calculation of stormwater service fees; providing for collections, adjustments, and appeals; and providing for severability.

The emergency clause was not voted on, thus the ordinance becomes effective in thirty (30) days.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie

Nay: Donald Vieth

4. APPROVAL OF A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH WAGONER COUNTY RURAL WATER, SEWER, GAS, AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4

Julie Casteen led discussion and requested possible action related to the approval of an agreement holding Wagoner County Rural Water, Sewer, Gas, and Solid Waste Management District No 4 harmless from any damages to 257th E Avenue (Midway Road) resulting from leakage, repair, or replacement of district's water line located in the project.

Motion by Naomi Hogue to approve agreement holding Wagoner County Rural Water, Sewer, Gas, and Solid Waste Management District No 4 harmless from any damages to

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257th E Avenue (Midway Road) resulting from leakage, repair, or replacement of district's water line located in the project.

The motion died due to lack of a second motion.

5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CZ 26-03 REZONE FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 28349 EAST 131ST STREET SOUTH

A public hearing to receive public comment on CZ 26-03, a request by applicants and property owners, Randall and Fayette Wiley, to change the zoning on described property from Agriculture (AG) to Commercial General (CG), located at 28349 East 131st Street South, Lot Sixteen (16), Block Three (3). Skyview Addition, City of Coweta, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

6. ORDINANCE 919 - CZ 26-03 REZONE FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 28349 EAST 131ST STREET SOUTH

Community Development Director Jessica Gough led discussion and requested possible action related to the approval, approval with conditions, or denial of CZ 26-03, a request by applicants and property owners, Randall and Fayette Wiley, to change the zoning on described property from Agriculture (AG) to Commercial General (CG), located at 28349 East 131st Street South, Lot Sixteen (16), Block Three (3). Skyview Addition, City of Coweta, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Donald Vieth to approve the adoption of Ordinance 919- CZ 26-03, a request by applicants and property owners, Randall and Fayette Wiley, to change the zoning on described property from Agriculture (AG) to Commercial General (CG), located at 28349 East 131st Street South, Lot Sixteen (16), Block Three (3). Skyview Addition, City of Coweta, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Donald Vieth
Daniel Beatie

7. RESOLUTION 2026-30- AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Jessica Gough led discussion and requested possible action related to the approval or denial of Resolution 2026-30- Amendment to Future Land Use Map, a request by applicants and property owners, Randall and Fayette Wiley, to change the use from residential very low to commercial high, located at 28349 East 131st Street South, Lot Sixteen (16), Block Three (3). Skyview Addition, City of Coweta, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Donald Vieth to approve the adoption of Resolution 2026-30- Amendment to Future Land Use Map, a request by applicants and property owners, Randall and Fayette Wiley, to change the use from residential very low to

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commercial high, located at 28349 East 131st Street South, Lot Sixteen (16), Block Three (3). Skyview Addition, City of Coweta, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Donald Vieth
Daniel Beatie

8. CENTRAL SQUARE FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT (RMS) SYSTEM

Police Chief Mike Bell led discussion and requested possible action related to the approval of entering into an agreement with Central Square for the Records Management System.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Donald Vieth to approve entering into an agreement with Central Square for the Records Management System.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth

9. PURCHASE OF AN ASPHALT RECYCLER/RECLAIMER FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT FROM ASPHALT ZIPPER, INC. FOR \$241,204.60 UNDER THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT #PW-10-25

Edgar Barroso led discussion and requested possible action related to the approval of the purchase of an asphalt recycler/reclaimer for the Streets Department from Asphalt Zipper, Inc. for \$241,204.60 under the Houston Galveston area council (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing contract #PW-10-25.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to approve the purchase of an asphalt recycler/reclaimer for the Streets Department from Asphalt Zipper, Inc. for \$241,204.60 under the Houston Galveston area council (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing contract #PW-10-25.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth

10. PURCHASE OF A 2025 WEILER P285B PAVING MACHINE FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT FROM WARREN CAT FOR \$252,300.00 UNDER STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONTRACT SW1095

Edgar Barroso led discussion and requested possible action related to the purchase of a 2025 Weiler P285B Paving Machine for the Streets Department from Warren Cat for \$252,300.00 under State of Oklahoma contract SW1095.

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Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to approve the purchase of a 2025 Weiler P285B Paving Machine for the Streets Department from Warren Cat for \$252,300.00 under State of Oklahoma contract SW1095.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth

11. PURCHASE OF A 2026 CAT 275 COMPACT TRACK LOADER FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT FROM WARREN CAT FOR \$104,404.00 UNDER STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONTRACT SW1092M

Edgar Barroso led discussion and requested possible action related to the purchase of a 2026 CAT 275 Compact Track Loader for the Streets Department from Warren Cat for \$104,404.00 under State of Oklahoma Contract SW1092M.

Jimmy Rothrock asked if Public Works was going to have people trained to do compaction.

Another citizen asked who the city uses for testing and pouring of asphalt.

Joe Cash asked if the city had a proper place to store this new equipment.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to approve the purchase of a 2026 CAT 275 Compact Track Loader for the Streets Department from Warren Cat for \$104,404.00 under State of Oklahoma Contract SW1092M.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONSIDER A MOTION AND VOTE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF THE CITY MANAGER, JULIE CASTEEN, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN OPEN SESSION AS ALLOWED UNDER 25 O.S. SECTION 307(B)(1).

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to enter into executive session at 7:17 p.m. pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) to discuss the employment contract of the City Manager, Julie Casteen.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie

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Donald Vieth

No action was taken during executive session.

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2. END EXECUTIVE SESSION

**EXIT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF THE CITY MANAGER.**

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to end the executive Session at 8:01p.m. to discuss and possibly take action on employment contract of the City Manager.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth

Jimmy Rothrock stated he was not sure what was discussed during executive session, but it is clear this is not a good employment situation, and the Council barely has enough members for a quorum. He stated the cause of that was the reputation the City has gotten over the last several months as a result of Ms. Casteen's actions and the way she led the city. Mr. Rothrock also commented that it was going to be hard to attract new people to come up and sit in these seats.

Allan Prather addressed the Council stating that businesses do not typically hear from customers when things are going well. He urged the Council to fire the City Manager.

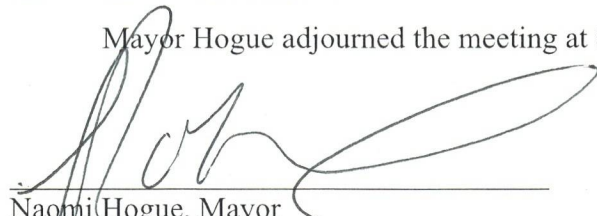
Ron Durbin spoke to the members of the Council pointing out the importance of trust when dealing with the government. He said that the trust has been burned to the ground and is not something that can be gotten back without drastic action. He said that he hopes that we can trust that Council is going to make the right decision, show the community it is time to move on, and do the right thing.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Daniel Beatie to amend the City Manager's Employment Agreement to provide for it to expire on October 16, 2026, with a reduced severance to only include payment of amounts equivalent to the expense of COBRA health benefits for seventeen months, effective October 16, 2026.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Daniel Beatie
Donald Vieth

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hogue adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.


Naomi Hogue, Mayor


Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk

