

**MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

The members of the Coweta City Council met in special session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Coweta City Hall, 310 S Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Naomi Hogue, Harold Chance, Caroline Martin, Randy Woodward.

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. ADMINISTRATION

1. WARD 4 APPOINTMENT

Councilmembers led discussion with applicants and considered the appointment of a candidate to the vacant Ward 4 Council seat.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Caroline Martin to nominate Sabrina Nelson to the Ward 4 Council seat.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Caroline Martin

Nay: Harold Chance
Randy Woodward

Motion by Harold Chance, second by Randy Woodward to nominate Kyle Gilbert to the Ward 4 Council seat.

Aye: Harold Chance
Randy Woodward

Nay: Naomi Hogue
Caroline Martin

Motion by Randy Woodward, second by Harold Chance to nominate Christopher Cash to the Ward 4 Council seat.

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Aye: Randy Woodward
Harold Chance
Naomi Hogue
Caroline Martin

2. RESOLUTION 2024-02 COUNCIL ELECTION FOR WARD 4 VACANCY

Discussion and consideration of the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma establishing a date for election of an Officer, being a Council Member for Ward 4, establishing a filing period, establishing a term of office, and establishing qualifications.

No action taken.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the possible locations and functions of public safety facilities, including but not limited to, a public safety complex, police station and fire station, and including discussion by City Council

Mayor Hogue opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Public comments were received by Mike Bell, Brian Woodward, Ben Neff
Joe Cash, Nicholas Winters, Bobby Pickett, and Jenni Hammock.

Concerns that were discussed at the Public hearing included: the location of a Public Safety Complex that would be large enough for both Police and Fire; having a separate location for Police and Fire; roadway congestion in front of the current facilities; getting the Firefighters out of the temporary mobile home as soon as possible; having two fire stations; locations of two fire stations; morale of firefighters due to the temporary mobile home living quarters; response times down due to location of temporary mobile home living quarters in accordance with the location of fire trucks and ambulances.

Mayor Hogue closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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1. EXECUTIVE SEARCH

Discussion and appropriate action related to a proposed executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment, hiring, and appointment of a City Manager, pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1), including the review and discussion of applications and resumes submitted, conducting candidate interviews, and discussion related to scheduling additional interviews.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Caroline Martin to enter executive session at 7:06 p.m.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Caroline Martin
Harold Chance
Randy Woodward

2. END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to come out of executive session.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Harold Chance to end executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Harold Chance
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Consideration and possible action related to the discussions held in executive session related to the employment, hiring, and appointment of a City Manager, and scheduling interviews of candidates.

Motion by Naomi Hogue, second by Caroline Martin for a continuation of discussions related to employment; hiring, and appointment of a City Manager and scheduling additional interviews during regular meeting set for February 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Aye: Naomi Hogue
Harold Chance
Caroline Martin
Randy Woodward

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hogue adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.



Naomi Hogue, Mayor



Marcy Kilgore, City Clerk

