

ORDINANCE NO. 20-262

**ESTABLISHING ORDER AND RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR FOUR YEAR TERM
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

BE IT ORDANED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF COOSADA, ALABAMA, that the order and rules of procedure in all instances for meetings of the council shall be as follows:

Section 1. That the rules or order of procedure herein contained shall govern deliberations and meetings of the Town Council of Coosada, Alabama.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the council shall be held on the following dates: The second Tuesday of each month except on holidays as recognized and/or designated by the Town Council of Coosada, Alabama beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Section 3. Special meetings may be held at the call of the presiding officer by serving notice on each member of the council not less than twenty-four hours before the time set for such special meetings; or special meetings may be held as provided by Section 11-43-50, Code of Alabama, 1975, whenever two council members (or the mayor) making the request shall have the right to call such meeting. Notice of all special meetings shall be posted on a bulletin board accessible to the public at least 24 hours prior to such meeting.

Section 4. A quorum shall be determined as provided by Section 11-43-48, Code of Alabama.

Section 5. All regular meetings shall convene at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the Town Hall unless modified as needed by the Council and all meetings, regular and special, shall be open to the public.

Section 6. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. A call to order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
6. Reports of standing committees
7. Reports of special committees
8. Reports of officers
9. Reading of petitions, applications, complaints, appeals, communications, etc.
10. Auditing accounts
11. Resolutions, ordinances, orders and other business.

12. Public comments

13. Adjourn

Section 7. No member shall speak more than twice to each motion. A majority vote of council closes debate.

Section 8. No person, not a member of the Council, shall be allowed to address the same while in session without permission of the presiding officer.

Section 9. Every officer, whose duty it is to report at the regular meetings of the council, who shall be in default thereof, may be fined at the discretion of the council.

Section 10. Motions may be reduced to writing when required by the presiding officer of the council or any member of the council. All resolutions and ordinances and any amendments thereto may be in writing at the time of introduction.

Section 11. Motions to reconsider must be by a member who voted with the prevailing side and at the same or next succeeding meeting of the council.

Section 12. Whenever it shall be requested by one or more members, the "yeas" and "nays" shall be recorded and any member may call for a division on any question.

Section 13. All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer of the council with the right of appeal to the council by any member.

Section 14. The presiding officer of the council may, at his or her discretion, call any member to take the chair, to allow him or her to address the council, make a motion or discuss any other matter at issue.

Section 15. Motions to lay any matter on the table shall be first in order. On all questions, the last amendment, the most distant day and the largest sum shall be first put.

Section 16. All meetings of the council shall be open to the public except when the council meets in executive session as authorized by state law.

Section 17. The council may meet in executive session only for those purposes authorized by state law. When a councilmember makes a motion to go into executive session for an enumerated purpose, the presiding officer shall put the motion to vote. If the majority of the council shall vote in favor of the motion to go into executive session, the body shall then move into executive session to discuss the matter for which the executive session was called. No action may be taken in an executive session. When the discussion has been completed, the council shall resume its deliberations in public.

Section 18. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order.

Section 19. The rules of the Council may be amended in the same manner as any other resolution of general and permanent operations.

Section 20. The rules of the council may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 21. The chairman of each respective committee, or the councilmember acting for him or her, shall submit or make all reports to the council when so requested by the presiding officer, two members of the council, or the mayor.

Section 22. All ordinances, resolutions or propositions submitted to the council which require the expenditure of money shall lie over until the next meeting; provided, that such ordinances, resolutions, or propositions may be considered earlier by unanimous consent of the council; and provided further, that this rule shall not apply to the current expenses of, or contracts previously made with, or regular salaries of officers or wages of employees of the city.

Section 23. The clerk, attorney, chief of police and such other officers or employees of the Town of Coosada, shall, when requested, attend all meetings of the council and shall remain in the council room for such length of time as the council may direct.

Section 24. No ordinance of a permanent nature shall be adopted at the meeting at which it is introduced unless unanimous consent be obtained for the immediate consideration of such ordinance, such consent shall be by roll call and the vote thereon spread on the minutes.

Section 25. Robert's Rules of Order is hereby adopted as the rules of procedure for this council in those situations which cannot be resolved by the rules set out in the ordinance.

Section 26. This ordinance shall go into effect upon the passage and publication as required by law.

Approved and Adopted this 9th day of March, 2021

Howard Perzo
Council Member

Bruce Taylor
Council Member

Wiley G. Rogers
Council Member

Council Member

James Houston
Council Member

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James Houston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawson Sellers
Dawson Sellers, Clerk