

Mae Reatha Coleman Citizen of the Year Minutes
January 13, 2025
5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Reception - 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

2. Call to Order - 5:30 p.m.

The Mae Reatha Coleman Citizen of the Year Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor JB Whitten. Board members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps. Council members: Ryan Bullard, Brandon Frost, Shannon Hayes and Dusty Allison. Also present: City Manager Tim Bolduc, City Clerk Maryanne Girard, City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, and various staff members.

3. Ceremony Opening and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor JB Whitten asked 2024 Mae Reatha Citizen of the Year, Ed Mitchell to provide the Invocation and lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor JB Whitten thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their presence and explained the process of selection for this year's award.

4. Acknowledgement of Past Recipients

Mayor JB Whitten acknowledged the past recipients who were in attendance: Dana Clah, Mike Carroll, Ed Mitchell, and Felton Barnes, who arrived later in the ceremony.

5. Acknowledgement of the Committee Members

Mayor JB Whitten recognized the committee members: April Rencich, Larry Medlock, and Mike Carroll; as well as Casey Gasborro and Steve Colson, who were not present.

6. Announcement of the 2025 Mae Reatha Coleman Citizen of the Year Award

Mayor JB Whitten read the submission letter for the recipient chosen by the committee for the 2025 Mae Reatha Coleman Citizen of the Year. He then announced Mr. Tom Moody as the recipient. He was honored with a plaque, coin, ball cap, t-shirt and license plate.

The City Council honored Mr. Moody, as well.

Alex Barthe' came forward to honor Mr. Moody and mentioned his military service. He considers him a living legend.

Ed Mitchell also came forward mentioning his words of encouragement.

7. 2025 Citizen of the Year Recipient Remarks

Tom Moody stated he was overwhelmed and honored to walk in the footsteps of those who came before him. He spoke on the changes to the city stating the city manager turned the city around under Mayor Whitten's guidance. He added we need to dream big. He mentioned the work that Carlos Jones provided to him. He mentioned how the police chief has turned our city department around. He applauded Sandra Wilson, as our Chamber of

Commerce director. His new motto is "the difficult we do immediately, but the impossible we take a little longer to accomplish".

8. Public Comments

9. Closing Remarks

Mayor JB Whitten thanked everyone for coming out and supporting Mr. Moody.

10. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day of January 2025.



JB Whitten

Mayor



Maryanne Girard

City Clerk

Proper Notice having been duly given

