

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2018 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, E. J. CATES, ALLEN FOSTER, DONNA THOMASON, AND WILLIE "BEAR" WILKINS

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE MONTY HOBBS, JIM BUTLER, TRECIA FREEMAN, DEVONE MORRIS, KEITH MORRIS, MICHEL MORRIS, BONNIE HOBBS, BRANDON LAMM, AND LEON HANSON (DID NOT SIGN REGISTER)

AGENDA ITEM #1

Mayor Darren Braddy called the meeting to order and Mayor Braddy also voiced the prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting as written. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

The item of approving the Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Ordinance #01-01-18 was again on the table for discussion. This proposed ordinance was read on September 18, 2017, October 10, 2017, and November 06, 2017. Trecia Freeman was present to ask some questions. Trecia wanted clarification of the annual inspection fee with the possibility of change of tenants during a year. Mayor Braddy assured her that a new inspection would not be done at change of tenants, only on an annual schedule or if necessary incidents happened within the course of a year that might require another inspection. Trecia also was concerned about the daily fine for noncompliance. Mayor Braddy stated that the city was not out to fine anyone. The city only wants humane living conditions for all citizens. Mayor Braddy also said that the course of action following citations is very accommodating as long as the owner is showing visible progress of compliance.

David Phillips made the motion to read ordinance #01-01-18 by caption. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-01-18**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, TO REQUIRE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND PERFORMANCE OF A LIFE, HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION TO BE CONDUCTED AND FILED WITH THE CITY PRIOR TO CONNECTION OR RECONNECTION OF WATER UTILITIES TO ANY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES; TO REQUIRE RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND PERFORMANCE OF A LIFE, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**INSPECTION TO BE CONDUCTED AND FILED WITH THE CITY ANNUALLY OR AT TIME OF SERVICE REQUEST FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES, AT POINT OF SALE FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES PENDING A PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.**

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Ordinance #01-01-18 as read by caption on the fourth reading. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #4**

The item of approving resolution #01-01-18 raising the capitalization of purchased items from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 was on the table for discussion. Mayor Braddy stated that, in the opinion of the auditors McClanahan and Holmes, this needed to be done. Donna Thomason made the motion to read resolution #01-01-18. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CAPITALIZATION OF ITEMS PURCHASED AT THIS TIME COSTING \$1,000.00 TO BE RAISED TO AN AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Cooper (the "Governmental Agency"), at a duly called meeting of the governing body held on January 8, 2018, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLVED, whereas the governing body of Governmental Agency, at the request of our auditors, see the need to increase the capitalization threshold for the assets procured by the City of Cooper from One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, COOPER, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the capitalization threshold for procured assets be raised from One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to now cost Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Section 2. That this resolution shall be effective from and after its date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of January, 2018.

David Phillips made the motion to approve resolution 01-01-18 as read by Jay Garrett. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### AGENDA ITEM #5

The item of appointing three members to the Cooper Housing Authority Board was on the table for discussion. Mayor Braddy stated that G. W. Dill no longer wanted to serve on this board. Mayor Braddy stated that Dolly Turner had agreed to accept the position and that Bettie Roseman and Renee McGraw wished to remain. It was the consensus of the council to appoint Dolly Turner and reappoint Bettie Roseman and Renee McGraw to a two year term on the Cooper Housing Authority Board.

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to appoint Dolly Turner and reappoint Bettie Roseman and Renee McGraw to a two year term on the Cooper Housing Authority Board. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### AGENDA ITEM #6

Councilman Willie "Bear" Wilkins wished to state his concerns pertaining to the safety and fore warning of utility work being done. Willie "Bear" stated that the warning cones used to secure a work area were not reflective enough. He also stated that fore warning signs of utility work ahead should be utilized. He also stated that certain intersections should be blocked off with barricades during work being done. Willie "Bear" also reiterated his concern that city employees need to be more proactive in picking up debris on the street when seen. Mayor Braddy said that he had done some price checking on safety cones and barricades and the funds were available for these items. It was the consensus of the council to purchase these needed safety items. Donna Thomason made the motion to allow the purchase of safety cones, signs and barricades. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### AGENDA ITEM #7

Brandon Lamm, with 903 Broadband, was present to ask the council to allow his company to install an antenna on the water tower located at 100 W. Cooper Street. Brandon stated that his company is centrally located in Leonard Texas and would like to expand to the Cooper area to close the gap. Brandon stated that his company has co-located with other companies on other towers. Brandon stated that his company would make sure that there was no conflict in frequencies with other providers located in the same area. Brandon also said that his company is locally owned and operated and customer service was his main goal. Mayor Braddy stated that the city already has a contract with RISE Broadband and the city would have to contact them on this matter. Mayor Braddy asked Brandon what he proposed his lease fee would be. Brandon stated that initially \$250.00 monthly but he would like to trade service for a portion of this. Mayor Braddy stated that the city already traded services with RISE Broadband. Jay Garrett interjected that RISE Broadband had their own electric meter and were responsible for all maintenance and wiring associated with their antenna. Brandon understood, as this is normal procedure he stated.

After much discussion this item was tabled until RISE Broadband can be contacted and Brandon Lamm can provide a proposed contract.

#### AGENDA ITEM # 8

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #9

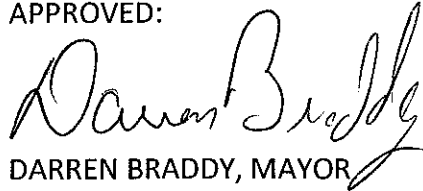
E. J. Cates made the motion to approve accounts payable. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

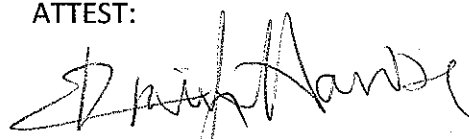
TIME: 5:45 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY