

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019

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, RAY LACY AND WIFE, KEVIN THOMASON, AMANDA L’ESPERANCE, JIM BUTLER, LARRY WILLIS, JANETTE TRAVELSTEAD, NATASHA JOHNSON, KENNETH APPLGATE, TREY AND JENNIFER OATS, DEVONNE BOWER, KATHRYN NEIL, AND ANGEL RAMOS.

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Allen Foster made the motion to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes as written. Donna Thomason seconded. David Phillips abstained. Vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Donna Thomason made the motion to appoint Carolyn Irvin, which would replace Janice Roberts, and re-appoint Charlie Steward to the Cooper Housing Authority Board for a two-year term. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

The property issue with Trey Oats was on the table again for discussion. As discussed in previous meetings, Trey inadvertently placed his house on city property and is trying to negotiate a resolution. Mayor Darren Braddy set the scenario that he deeply felt remorse for Trey’s situation but he had a responsibility to keep the best interest of the city as a priority. Darren stated that numerous options had been discussed but, in his opinion, moving the house off of city property was the best option. Trey presented two maps showing a resolution which he thought was best. City Attorney Jay Garrett stated that Hayter Engineering, which did the original survey before Big Creek Lake was built stands by the line decision that was made and suggests that Trey move his house off of city property. After much discussion this item was at a standstill with no motion being made to move the house at the Mayor’s suggestion. Mayor Darren Braddy then suggested an even amount of property be exchanged to allow Trey to leave his house where it stands, only if no legal issues would arise from this action. Willie “Bear” Wilkins made the motion to table this item until further information is obtained. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Janette Travelstead was present, to represent the owner of 950 E. Dallas, to ask the council if they would allow liquor sales inside the city limits. Janette presented that this would benefit the city tax wise and help keep customers from consuming alcohol while driving due to the shorter distance to their residence. City Attorney Jay Garrett stated that this was not a city decision. This would have to be an election item. He stated that Janette could find all information that she needed on the Secretary of State website and TABC website. No action was needed or taken.

AGENDA ITEM #6

The personnel policy was again up for discussion. E. J. Cates stated that he would like more time to look it over. E. J. suggested a work session be scheduled on this item. E. J. Cates made the motion to set a date to be determined for a work session. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that the motor grader was finally back in operation and several projects would be finished before major pot hole projects would begin. Kevin Thomason asked if volunteers could begin filling pot holes. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that this was a good idea but the city would need assurance that the volunteers were qualified to do this kind of project. Therefore, until the city could train volunteers, they could not attempt this project. No action was needed or taken on this item

AGENDA ITEM #8

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #9

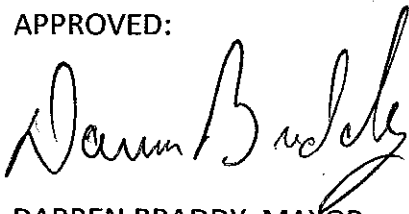
E. J. Cates made the motion to approve accounts payable. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

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

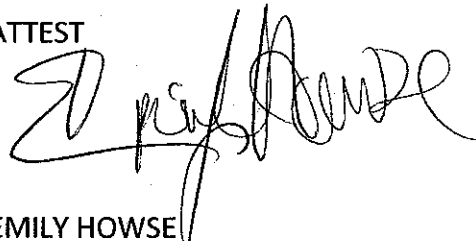
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY