

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
MARCH 11, 2019 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADDY; MAYOR, E. J. CATES, DONNA THOMASON,
AND WILLIE “BEAR” WILKINS.

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, SHIRLEY SMITH, HERB BROOKSHIRE, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN
RASER, AMANDA L’ESPERANCE, LYNNE MORRIS, CAROL CROUCH, PATRICIA CROUCH, SHERRY
CROUCH, JIM MAURER, MIKE TIBBETS, KEN APPLGATE, VINCENT CONEY, AND TWO
UNREADABLE SIGNATURES.

ABSENT: DAVID PHILLIPS AND ALLEN FOSTER

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes as written. E. J.
Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Mike Tibbets, with Hayter Engineering, presented to the council the opportunity to apply for
the TxDOT 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA/Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)
Project Grant. Mike stated that this grant would construct a side walk on the East side S.W. 8th
Street from the Cooper Elementary School North to West Waco Street. Mike stated that TxDOT
currently has plans to construct a side walk along the North side of Farm Road 1528 from the
Cooper High/Jr. High School to the Elementary School which will be funded by TxDOT, not the
grant, but would connect to the grant side walk project. This grant would be no cost to the City
of Cooper. The grant totally covers the construction, environmental, and engineering cost. Mike
Tibbets stated that the only possible cost to the city would be easement procurement and
property purchase, if any had to be obtained. He stated that this was an \$8.7 million grant
encompassed the whole state of Texas, therefore, there was no guarantee that this grant would
be awarded, but the application needed to be submitted in order to qualify.

Willie “Bear” Wilkins made the motion to allow Hayter Engineering to apply for the TxDOT 2019
Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Safe Routes to Schools Project Grant. Donna Thomason
seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Herb Brookshire presented to the council that he wished to build a warehouse and shop to
house the AWP (Area Wide Protection) construction vehicles and equipment. Herb stated that
AWP was currently looking to relocate from Sulphur Springs and he was trying to do anything

he could to entice them to consider Cooper. Herb stated that he wanted AWP to commit to a 6-year lease contract but guarantee 5 years. He stated that AWP would employ as many local employees as qualified and needed. Water/sewer/garbage allowance, personal property tax abatements, and tax rebates were discussed. It was the consensus of the council to allow an AWP representative to meet with the Mayor for more details. No action was needed or taken.

AGENDA ITEM #5

E. J. Cates made the motion to set clean up week for April 6, 2019 through April, 13, 2019.

Hours and times are:

Saturday April 6th and Saturday April 13th - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday April 8th, Tuesday April 9th, and Wednesday April 10th - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday April 11th and Friday April 12th - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy asked Vincent Coney, Shirley Smith, the Crouch sister, to present their plan of action for demolishing and remodeling the structures that were discussed in the February meeting. All were working toward getting into compliance but weather was a big issue. Mayor Darren Braddy informed the council of the multiple water and sewer issues that have consumed most of employee's time for the past several months.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Monthly budgets were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #8

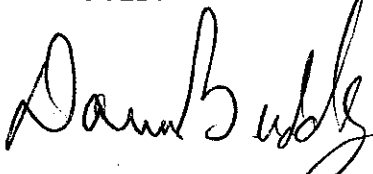
E. J. Cates made the motion to approve accounts payable. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Donna Thomason made the motion to adjourn. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

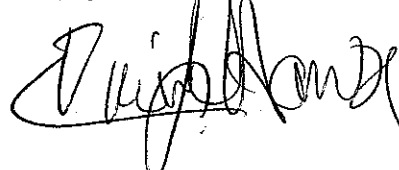
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY