

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
APRIL 10, 2017 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: SCOTTY STEGALL; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, E. J. CATES, DONNA THOMASON, JOANN PREAS, AND WILLIE “BEAR” WILKINS

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, LARRY WILLIS, CHRIS DONNAN, BRENDA DONALDSON, AMANDA L’ESPERANCE, DARREN BRADY, AND JIM BUTLER

AGENDA ITEM #1

Scotty Stegall called the meeting to order and Scotty Stegall also voiced the prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #2

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes as written. JOANN Preas seconded. Willie “Bear” Wilkins abstained due to his absence at that meeting. Vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Larry Willis, Area Manager for Oncor Electric Delivery, LLC, presented to the council the request to deny the proposed change in rates that Oncor Electric Delivery, LLC was proposing. Larry stated that denying the change in rates would defer the rate issue the Public Utility Commission (PUC) which regulates rates of all major utilities for consumers. Donna Thomason made the motion to approve ordinance #01-04-17 denying the proposed change in rates of Oncor Electric Delivery, LLC. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Chris Donnan, with Hayter Engineering, presented to the council the TXDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) grant. Chris stated that this grant would provide much needed sidewalk access for students walking to and from school. Preliminary estimates show that the project has a total construction cost of \$500,000.00. Chris stated that the city’s portion of the grant would be approximately \$76,200.00. Chris also said that the \$76,000.00 local contribution represents non-grant eligible items, such as; survey, environmental, and design plans and specifications, as well as the reduced required local match. The 81% reduction is due to the economically disadvantaged counties program. Chris stated, “All totaled the local match represents 15.2% of the overall construction cost, which is roughly 5% less than the required local match.” The deadline to file for this grant is May 22, 2017.

Mayor Scotty Stegall stated that the Cooper ISD was considering assuming partial cost of this project. It was the consensus of the council to take no action on this until the CISD made their decision on the cost amount that they would be responsible for. No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM #5

David Phillips made the motion to approve continuation of membership with AirMedCare for all employees. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

The issue of the no carry signs, (30.06 & 30.07), that are posted on City Hall was on the table for discussion. Scotty Stegall stated that JOANN Preas had asked for this item to be discussed. JOANN stated that she had several inquiries regarding the posted signs. She wanted to be clear that the city was in compliance on this issue. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, stated that any premise that housed court or court offices was allowed to post signs. Jay stated that signs did not have to be posted, "(Penal Code 46.03 (a)(3) No sign required but some notice recommended to give license holder notice that court or court office is in building)", therefore posted signs were the most sensible way of giving notice. Jay also stated that it was the Judge's discretion to allow or disallow gun carry on the premise of court and court offices and at this time the Judge has not allowed open or concealed carry. Emily Howse asked about regular business hours (8-5). Jay stated that no carry applies due to the fact that court administration is carried out during that time. Jay also stated that this matter was presently being clarified in the legislative process therefore, until a definite decision is made, the posted signs on City Hall are legal. No action was taken on this matter at this time. Signs stay.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #8

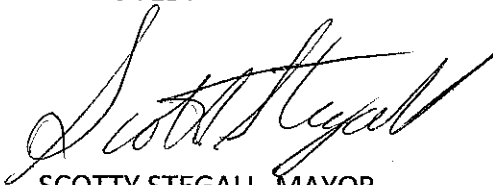
E. J. Cates made the motion to approve accounts payable. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

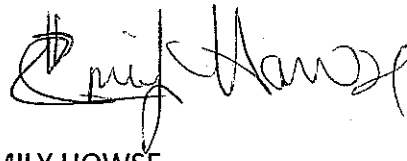
TIME: 5:25 PM

APPROVED:



SCOTTY STEGALL, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY