

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
AUGUST 10, 2020 – 5:00 PM VIA ZOOM

PUBLIC HEARING – 5:30 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, ALLEN FOSTER, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, DONNA THOMASON AND WILLIE "BEAR" WILKINS

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: JIM BUTLER, JOE ADAMS, KIM COX, ALLEIGH BRYAN, KASEY BRITTON, DIANE STEGALL, ANGEL RAMOS, SHAUNA, BRANDI HUFF, AND DEAD HOUR

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to approve the July 13, 2020 minutes as written. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that Public Comments for any agenda item was on the table. He asked if anyone wanted to comment. Hearing no comments, the Public Comment item was closed.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Angel Ramos was present to appeal to the council his lack of signatures to place a mobile home at 198 S.W. 12th. Angel obtained all required signatures except one. The only hold out signature was that of Ruth Wigley. No one was present to contest the placement of the mobile home, therefore it was the consensus of the council to allow the mobile home to be placed at 198 S.W. 12th Street with the purchase of a \$50.00 permit and ordinance compliance. Donna Thomason made the motion to override the lack of signatures obtained and allow the placement of a mobile home at 198 S.W. 12th Street with the purchase of a \$50.00 permit and ordinance compliance. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Amber Reynolds wanted to place a tiny home structure on the property behind her parents, Hollis and Tina Morris located at 549 N.W. 2nd. He stated that Amber was at work and was not able to attend the meeting. Darren stated that Amber had obtained all required signatures except one. The only hold out signature was that of Alma Hughes. No one was present to contest the placement of the tiny home structure, therefore it was the consensus of the council to allow the placement of the tiny home structure on the property. Mayor Braddy stated that Hollis and Tina Morris' property went all the way from N.W. 2nd Street to N.W. 3rd Street so there would be no issues with setback regulations. Darren stated that the address would be a N.W. 3rd Street address which would be given before placement. Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to allow the placement of the tiny home structure at N.W. 3rd Street with the purchase of a \$50.00 permit. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the item of accepting the special warranty deed from Austin Bank Texas, NA on the property located at 550 S.E. 5th Lot S.E. ¼ Block 10 G.W. Morris Survey that had been demolished by the city on April 20,2020. The bank wanted to deed the property to the city in lieu of the lien cost for demolition. It was the consensus of the council to accept this deed. David Phillips made the motion to accept the special warranty deed from Austin Bank Texas, NA on the property located at 550 S.E. 5th Lot S.E. ¼ Block 10 G.W. Morris Survey. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

5:30 PM Interrupted the regular meeting to open the Public Hearing

Mayor Braddy opened the Public Hearing to hear comments on the rezoning of 1001 W. Fort Worth Avenue from Residential (R1) to Light Commercial (LC). He stated that Brandy Huff was in the process of expanding her Day Care and the property that she wanted to build on was not zoned properly. He stated that the Zoning Commission had met and unanimously voted yes to allow this change. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

5:35 PM reconvened the Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Braddy presented to the council the possibility of becoming a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Mayor Braddy stated that this item was discussed at the July 13, 2020 meeting which was put off until he had done more research. Mayor Braddy stated that he had talked to Richie Hernandez, with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on this matter. He stated that, according to Mr. Hernandez, the membership would allow residents in a flood prone area to purchase flood insurance at a low cost through FEMA. He also stated that a study would be made of the flood prone areas and a flood plain map would be produced. Mr. Hernandez also stated that if a new construction was going to be built in a flood prone area, then it would be the expense of the property owner to raise the property to an elevation that was above flood level. Mayor Braddy reiterated the fact that this would be no cost to the city. Allen Foster made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read resolution 01-08-20 to become a member of FEMA NFIP. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney Jay Garrett read the resolution. Allen Foster made the motion to approve becoming a member of FEMA NFIP. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. *See note on Agenda Item #18

AGENDA ITEM #8

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to order the City of Cooper Election for November 3, 2020. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that the City had contracted with the County and the County was solely responsible for election procedures but due to all of the uncertain changes that were happening because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City would follow normal procedures in the election process just to be safe.

David Phillips made the motion to appoint Jane Jones as early voting clerk, Charlie Steward as judge, Ann Ford and Betty Holcomb as alternate judges and these appointees will make up the early voting ballot board. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to approve October 19, 2020 and October 29, 2020 as the two twelve-hour early voting days. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

5:57 PM Changed tape side.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Donna Thomason made the motion to accept the highest bid for each item bid on. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

Equipment	Name & Bid	Name & Bid	Name & Bid	Name & Bid
	Don Wilson	James Jarrell	Shauna & Jeff Holloway	Larry George
Poulan Pro Push Mower				
Push Weed Eater	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
30 Gallon Tank #1				\$20.00
30 Gallon Tank #2				\$20.00
30 Gallon Tank #3				\$5.00
30 Gallon Tank #4				\$10.00
30 Gallon Tank #5				\$10.00
Mosquito Fogger				
Sewer Trash Pump #1				\$40.00
Sewer Trash Pump #2				\$40.00
Sewer Trash Pump #3				\$40.00
Sewer Trash Pump #4				\$40.00
Sewer Trash Pump #5				\$40.00
2007 Snapper Riding Mower		\$75.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
1999 Dodge Truck				\$600.00
Bandit Wood Chipper				\$1,200.00
Diesel Shop Heater				
15 Gallon Air Compressor			\$15.00	\$75.00
2012 Cub Cadet ZTR			\$35.00	\$150.00

AGENDA ITEM #12

The item of removing the No Parking signs on N.E. 1st between Bonham Avenue and Cooper Avenue was again on the table for discussion. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the signs to be removed. David Phillips made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read ordinance 01-08-20 by caption. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-08-20

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF NO PARKING SIGNS ON NORTH EAST 1ST STREET BETWEEN BONHAM AND COOPER, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS ORDINANCE AND ALL INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS ORDINANCE, AND AUTHORIZING CITY SECRETARY TO AUTHENTICATE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE TO THIS ORDINANCE AND ANY INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS ORDINANCE

Allen Foster made the motion to approve ordinance #01-08-20 to remove the No Parking Signs on N.E. 1st Street between Bonham Avenue and Cooper Avenue. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Allen Foster made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read ordinance 02-08-20 for the placement of 3 stop signs at the intersection of N.W. 11th Street and W. Wilson that was discussed at the July 13, 2020 meeting. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney, Jay Garrett Read:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-08-20

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ERECTING THREE STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH WEST 11TH STREET AND WEST WILSON AVENUE, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS ORDINANCE AND ALL INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS ORDINANCE, AND AUTHORIZING CITY SECRETARY TO AUTHENTICATE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE TO THIS ORDINANCE AND ANY INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS ORDINANCE.

Allen Foster made the motion to approve ordinance 02-08-20 for the placement of three stop signs at the intersection of N.W. 11th Street and W. Wilson Avenue. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

#14

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the zoning change of 1001 W. Ft. Worth Avenue from R1 to LC as discussed in the Public Hearing. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the Council on the current status of the City.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #17

Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #18

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

*Amanda L'Esperance interjected that she had further information on item #7 that may need to be looked into. Mayor Braddy stated that he would look into the information that Amanda had received. Vote carried.

TIME: 6:27 PM

APPROVED:


DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:


EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY