

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2017 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, BRENDA DONALDSON, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, PHILLIP STERCHAK, HEATHER STERCHAK, MICHAEL GLAS, DEBORA S. HUGHES, K. MARTIN, DEVONNE BOWER-MORRIS, KEITH MORRIS, JAMES JARRELL, KALYNN MCKEE, DELBERT HORTON, AND JOHN VICK DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR SENATOR BOB HALL

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting as written. David Phillips seconded. Donna Thomason abstained. Vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Mayor Darren Braddy opened the public hearing concerning the dilapidated properties located at 440 N.W. 3RD – RONALD AVERY PROPERTY 700 E. COMMERCE – PEGGY DUNAVIN ET/AL PROPERTY 820 S.W. 4TH – ROBERT RICH PROPERTY 411 W. FT. WORTH – JEANNE YOUNG ESTATE PROPERTY and turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem David Phillips. David asked if there was any one present to discuss these properties. Hearing no response David asked for Mayor/Building Inspector/Code Enforcer Braddy's opinion of the above listed properties. Darren stated that 820 S.W. 4th, Robert Rich property, had already been demolished and removed by the property owner. Darren stated that 440 N.W. 3rd, 700 E. Commerce, and 411 W. Ft. Worth needed to be demolished due to the dilapidated state of the structures which posed a health and safety hazard. Darren recommended that all these properties be demolished at the earliest date possible.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Phillips asked for any public input or comments. Hearing none, David closed the public hearing and turned the meeting back over to Mayor Darren Braddy.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Braddy stated that a calling of a motion and vote to demolish and file a lien on the dilapidated structures was at hand. Donna Thomason made the motion to demolish and file a lien on 440 N.W. 3RD, RONALD AVERY PROPERTY, 700 E. COMMERCE PEGGY DUNAVIN ET/AL PROPERTY, and 411 W. FT. WORTH JEANNE YOUNG ESTATE PROPERTY. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy read and presented the Proclamation declaring August 13-19 2017 as National Health Center Week to Michael Glas, Debora Hughes, and K. Martin of the Cooper Community Health Center. John Vick, District Representative for Senator Bob Hall, took the picture. Darren stated his appreciation of the services and dedication of all involved with the Cooper Community Health Center.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that Amanda L'Esperance had presented the request to change the zoning at 351 E. Waco from residential (R1) to light commercial (LC). Darren stated that James Jarrell held a zoning meeting, on August 14, 2017 at 4:00 PM, on this matter. Amanda L'Esperance followed all steps required for a zoning change. She mailed letters to any property owner within 200 feet of the proposed change location, she published the proposed change in the news paper, and she posted the proposed change on the property. James Jarrell stated that it was the consensus of the zoning commission to allow the zoning variance requested. City Attorney Jay Garrett stated that the variance would expire on the cessation of the business or the sale of the property and to revert back to residential (R1). David Phillips made the motion to approve the zoning variance from R1 to LC for 351 E. Waco. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

The Delta County Appraisal District (DCAD) 2018 proposed budget was on the table for discussion. Darren Braddy stated that the cost to the city was slightly higher than last year. He stated that he saw no major issues with the budget. Donna Thomason stated that the DCAD Board recommended approval of the proposed budget. After brief discussion David Phillips made the motion to approve the 2018 proposed DCAD 2018 proposed budget. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

The Delta County Tax Assessor Collector (DCTAC) contract was on the table for discussion. Mayor Braddy stated that the contract was the same as the previous contract with a slight increased cost to the city. Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the annual contract with DCTAC. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

The Delta County Sheriff annual contract for protection within the city was on the table for discussion. Mayor Braddy stated that this contract was the same as the previous contract. E. J. Cates made the motion to approve the annual contract with the Delta County Sheriff for protection within the city. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Resolution #01-08-17 authorizing an inter local agreement between the City of Cooper and Delta County Sheriff for use of the Water Treatment Plant facility for firearm qualification was on the table for discussion. Mayor Braddy stated that this had been previously approved and were waiting on legal documents to complete the process. City Attorney Jay Garrett stated that the documents presented

would hold the Sheriff and County fully accountable for any and all issues that could occur. Jay also stated that the county had insurance and would be liable for any such instance that might occur. David Phillips made the motion to read resolution #01-08-17 by caption. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous. Jay read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, DELTA COUNTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DELTA COUNTY REGARDING USE OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITY GROUNDS.

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve resolution #01-08-17 allowing the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement with Delta County regarding use of the Water Treatment Plant Facility Grounds for firearm qualification. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Tentative ordinance 01-08-17 authorizing the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) before water utilities can be connected was on the table for discussion. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that this matter had been previously discussed and City Attorney Jay Garrett had prepared an ordinance regarding this issue. Darren stated that the ordinance needed to be narrowed down a bit. He requested that the council take the proposed ordinance and read it thoroughly and note necessary changes and omissions. No action was taken at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Donna Thomason requested that the council discuss the possibility of a donation for an animal shelter to be put on the water bills. Darren stated that the donations for the VFD and the Public Library were already decreasing. Darren also stated that upon investigating operations of an animal shelter he found it was much too extensive at this time. Darren said he is trying to work a contract with The City of Commerce at this time for the confinement of stray animals. No action was taken on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Darren presented to the council that Noble Resource Pest Control (NRPC) would fog the City of Cooper, to try and rid the city of mosquitoes, for \$440.00. This fogging would only kill adult mosquitoes. (NRPC) said that it works best if cities fog at least two consecutive times. Darren stated that NRPC assured him that this fog would not harm pets. Darren stated that NRPC normally fogged between the hours of 9:00 PM and 4:00 AM. It was the consensus of the council to allow NRPC to fog the City of Cooper two times for an approximate cost of \$880.00. Allen Foster made the motion to allow NRPC to fog the City of Cooper two times. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Mayor Darren Braddy gave an update on the electric contract. Darren stated that, after much research and meetings with brokers and agents; staying with Champion Energy was the most cost effective decision. Champion Energy's rate offer was within fractions of the lowest offered by the other companies. Champion Energy also extended the low rate offer for seven years. No

action on this item. This would save the city approximately \$130,000.00 over the seven year period.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Mayor Darren Braddy asked the council to consider rescheduling the September 11, 2017 meeting to September 18, 2017. Darren stated that he needed to attend the code enforcement seminar that was scheduled for September 11-15. Darren also asked if the council would approve to pay the September 2017 accounts payable. Donna Thomason made the motion to reschedule the September regular meeting to September 18, 2017 at 5:00 PM and approve accounts payable for September 2017. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #17

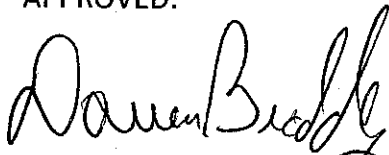
E. J. Cates made the motion to approve accounts payable. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #18

Allen Foster made the motion to adjourn. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

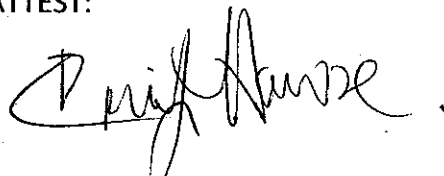
TIME: 5:50 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY