

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
FEBRUARY 12, 2018 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, JOE ADAMS, PHILLIP STERCHAK, SUSAN RASER, KAREN ATKINS, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, MARK MCMAHON, JIM BUTLER, KEITH MORRIS, AND DEVONE MORRIS

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 January 8, 2018 minutes as written. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Bo Szafran was not present to present the update on the baseball field. Mayor Braddy stated that there has been great progress in the remodel of the concession. Darren stated that James Jarrell had done a great deal of electrical work and some plumbing still needed to be done but all in all the remodel was going well. No action needed or taken.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Diana Mendoza was not present to discuss the emergency alarm and inoperable fire hydrants. Mayor Braddy stated that the city was in process of determining which fire hydrants were not working. David Phillips asked "Isn't that the responsibility of the VFD". Emily Howse stated that, according to Chief Chuck Toles, it was actually the city's responsibility. David Phillips said that he would talk to the VFD regarding this. No action needed or taken.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council a list of allowable materials to include for updating the fence ordinance. Darren stated that brick/stone, chain link, wrought iron/ornamental, composite, wooden slat, in his opinion, should be allowed. Darren stated that razor wire, barbed wire, or electric should not be allowed. Karen Atkins asked if cattle panels would be allowed. Mayor Braddy said that he had not considered cattle panels. Emily Howse stated that cattle panels had been allowed in the past to fence around swimming pools. Darren stated that more thought needed to go into this item before presenting it to City Attorney Jay Garrett for ordinance amendments.

No motion or action needed or taken on this item at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the cost of cones and barricades would be \$780.00. Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the purchase of cones and barricades in the amount of \$780.00 from the street fund. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that RISE Broadband had rejected to request to allow 903 Broadband to co-locate on the water tower located at 100 W. Cooper. Darren stated that RISE Broadband had exclusive rights according to the contract. Darren said that 903 Broadband wanted to look into putting their equipment on the water tower located at 1101 W. McKinney but discussion of this matter had to be discussed with Water/Waste Water Superintendent Terry Palmer and TCEQ. This was an update item only no action needed or taken.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the item of reappointing Nicki Beeler to another 2 year term on the Sulphur River Regional Mobility Authority (SuRRMA) Board at the request of Delbert Horton. David Phillips made the motion to reappoint Nicki Beeler to a 2-year term on the SuRRMA Board. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the Municipal Advisory Agreement with Hilltop Securities. Emily Howse stated that Hilltop Securities files the city's EMMA filing report due to bonds that the city has. Emily stated that they have always done this in the past but there never was a signed agreement to allow this. This agreement is a formality. The question was asked if someone else could do this. City Attorney Jay Garrett stated that yes some other company could do this but it would be at an astronomical expense to the city. Jay stated that Hilltop Securities had been of great assistance to the city in the past pertaining to bond issues and it would be in the best interest of the city to continue the partnership with them by signing the agreement. E. J. Cates made the motion to allow Mayor Darren Braddy to sign the Municipal Advisory Agreement with Hilltop Securities. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to order the 2018 City of Cooper Election for Saturday May 5, 2018. Donna Thomson seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

David Phillips made the motion to appoint Charlie Steward as Judge, Betty Holcomb and Jason Soward as Alternate Judges, and Neali Landers as Early Voting Clerk. These members will also make up the Early Voting Ballot Board. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

E. J. Cates made the motion to set the city's two 12-hour early voting days for Monday April 23, 2018 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Tuesday May 1, 2018 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Darren Braddy announced that the drawing to determine the order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot would be Monday February 26, 2018 at 3:00 pm at City Hall.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to set clean up week for April 7, 2018 through April 14, 2018 as shown on the schedule below. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

Willie "Bear" Wilkins interjected to be sure the guys keep the roadway clean. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that he would see to it.

CLEAN UP WEEK

YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR WATER BILL

The City of Cooper has set Saturday, April 7th through Saturday April 14nd as Clean Up Week. All charges will be half the normal price for residential pick-ups. **There will be no charge for residents that take items to the dumpsite themselves, excluding tires.** As always, there is **no charge** if you take brush to the dumpsite. The city will allow residents to take tires and batteries to the dumpsite. The fee for tires will be \$2.00 per tire for a regular size tire, \$10.00 per tire for semi-truck tires and \$1.00 per inch for rear mount tractor tires. No tire will be accepted that is still mounted on the rim. There will not be a charge for batteries.

Tires and batteries will not be picked up at your residence.

YOU MUST CALL CITY HALL FOR RESIDENTIAL PICK-UPS

The hours set for the dumpsite are:

Saturday April 7th and Saturday April 14nd - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday April 9th, Tuesday April 10th, and Wednesday April 11th - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday April 12th and Friday April 13st - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NO COMMERCIAL TRASH, BRUSH, TIRES OR BATTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DUMPSITE

AGENDA ITEM #15

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #16

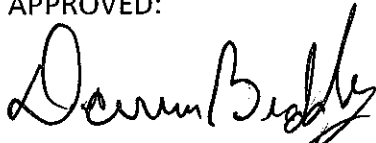
Donna Thomason made the motion to approve accounts payable. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #17

E. J. Cates made the motion to adjourn. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

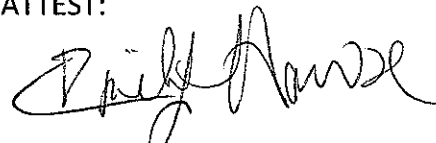
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY