

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 5:00PM

CITY 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, BOBBY RHEIN, ALLEN FOSTER, CARMEN CHESSHER, BRENDA DONALDSON, MALLORY BRANDON, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, JAMES WESLEY SCOTT, CINDY ROLLER, JOE ADAMS, PHILLIP STERCHAK, BAILEY REYNOLDS, MARIAH SEELEY, AND GALEN KIMBRELL.

AGENDA ITEM #1

Mayor Scotty Stegall called the meeting to order and JOANN Preas voiced the prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 as written. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

David Phillips made to motion to approve resolution #01-02-17, for the TDA Planning and Capacity Grant #7215074, updating section 3 policy which provides economic opportunities for low income persons. Updating the section 3 policy is required annually in order to stay in compliance with the United States Government Code for obtaining grants. This ordinance designates the City Secretary as the Equal Rights Officer. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

JOANN Preas made the motion to approve the section 504 grievance procedure which provides for prompt and equitable resolutions of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. All complaints should be addressed to the City Secretary. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Allen Foster and Bobby Rhein gave updates on the Delta County Kid Baseball Association (DCKBA). Allen stated that they had replaced the old press boxes and were awaiting approval of the grant that was submitted in December of 2016. Allen stated that the fund raisers had been successful and they were looking forward to getting this season started. Mayor Scotty Stegall presented Allen Foster and Bobby Rhein a check for \$1500.00 that is budgeted each year for the DCKBA.

AGENDA ITEM #6

David Phillips made the motion to approve to order the election to be held on Saturday May 6, 2017. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

E. J. Cates made the motion to appoint Charlie Steward as election judge, Betty Holcomb and Twonette Gessman as alternate judges, and Neali Landers as early voting clerk. These appointees will make up the early voting ballot board. JOANN Preas seconded vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to approve April 24, 2017 and May 2, 2017 as the two (2) twelve hour early voting days. JOANN Preas seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve Monday February 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM as the date and time for the drawing to determine the order in which names of candidates are to be printed on the ballot. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Jay Garrett stated that the waste collection contract with Sanitation Solutions was about to expire. He read the proposed amendment that was agreed upon by Sanitation Solutions and Mayor Stegall. The amendment states that the original contract began in 1982 and granted exclusive rights to Sanitation Solutions for residential, commercial, and industrial waste collection. The amendment presented would keep all aspect of the original contract and all of the previous amendments in place. The new amendment would guarantee no Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for at least one (1) year, the contract would be extended for another five (5) years, contractor would provide labor and equipment to demolish at least 3 structures of which the city would pay landfill fees only. This contract could terminate if written notice (certified returned receipt) was presented at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the contract.

David Phillips made the motion to approve the amendment to the Sanitation Solutions contract. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Donna Thomason made the motion to read resolution #02-02-17, by caption which, would allow the city to update to the current building and electrical codes. JOANN Preas seconded. Vote unanimous.

Jay Garrett read by caption:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR

PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

David Phillips made the motion to approve ordinance #02-02-17 to update to the newest version of the International Building and Electrical Codes. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Jay Garrett read the proclamation declaring the week of March 19-25, 2017 as poison prevention week.

JOANN Preas made the motion to approve the Proclamation. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to re-appoint James Jarrell, Cynthia Steward, and P. J. Knickerbocker for a two (2) year term on the Zoning Board. JOANN Preas seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve setting April 15, 2017 thru April 22, 2017 as clean up week with daily hours for each day to be determined at a later date. Charges will be one half (½) of regular charges. Willie "Bear" Wilkins reiterated that if any trash was lost off of any vehicle he wanted to make sure that someone would pick it up. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Amanda L'Esperance presented to the council, at the request of Carmen Chessher, that a meeting was held on January 31, 2017, which consisted of 21 volunteers, to form a group which was named "The Cooper Clean-up Crew". Amanda stated that Carmen has sectioned the city into four sections with 4 zone leaders to identify areas of concern. Another meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2017 at the gazebo (pagoda to locals) for further discussion. Amanda asked if the city would waive the dump fees, provide supplies, and assist in code enforcement. Mayor Scotty Stegall stated that the city would provide trash bags. It was the consensus of the council that the city would assist in all areas possible and agree to no charge for debris collected under the authority of "The Cooper Clean-up Crew" one time each month. Jay Garrett stated that Amanda should contact his office to assist with contracts for "community service" participants. Amanda asked if this was city level. Jay stated no, that it would be county level.

Donna Thomason made the motion to assist "The Clean-up Cooper Crew" in their effort to beautify the city by providing trash bags, assisting with code enforcement, and waiving fees for debris collected once a month under the authority of "The Cooper Clean-up Crew". JOANN seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Emily Howse stated that the City of Cooper's website was online. She stated that it was definitely a work in progress. Emily said that online payments would be available soon.

<http://cityofcoopertx.municipalimpact.com/>.

AGENDA ITEM #17

Monthly budget reports were discussed.

AGENDA ITEM #18

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve accounts payable. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. David Phillips abstained. Vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #19

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. JOANN Preas seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 5:30 pm

APPROVED:



SCOTTY STEGALL, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY