

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2019 – 5:00 PM

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

ABSENT: ALLEN FOSTER

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, ASHLEY COLVIN, JOSE (INTERPRETER FOR GERARDO FUERTE) GERARDO FUERTE AND FAMILY, KAREN ATKINS, JOE ADAMS, JESSICA DUCKWORTH, PIERCE ROGERS, JIM BUTLER, KIM COX, CAROL CROUCH, PATRICIA CROUCH, SHERRY CROUCH, WILL ANDERTON, AND LYNNE 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 June 10, 2019 minutes as written. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Jennifer Duckworth, a student at Texas A&M University Commerce, presented for a semester project, the need for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance at Harmon Park. Jennifer presented the importance of having easy accessible areas and pathways for old and young alike that have disabilities. She stated that the ADA was signed into law in 1990 by President Bush. Jennifer stated that she understood the lack of funding for such an undertaking, but she had researched and found that there were grant possibilities for such projects. Jennifer asked that the City of Cooper look into the grant to help with funding to begin the process of updating the park to be ADA compliant.

No action was needed or taken.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Ashley Colvin, a student at Texas A&M University Commerce, presented for a semester project, the need for transportation for citizens in the community that did not have access to personal transportation. She stated that, to her knowledge, TRAX was the only available transportation and it was not always readily available and there was a cost that some citizens were not able to afford. Ashley asked that the City consider the possibility of obtaining a vehicle for such transportation. Ashley stated that this project could be managed with volunteers.

No action was needed or taken.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Harmon Keech was not present to appeal the mobile home ordinance for 801 S.E. 5th Property ID # 5610.

David Phillips made the motion to table this item due to Mr. Keech's no show status. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Gerardo Fuerte was again present to appeal the mobile home ordinance for 150 E. Paris Property ID # 5542. Mr. Fuerte presented to the council that he would put the smart panel siding, secure it with cables, add a porch and underpin in order to have a more appealing look. David Phillips and Willie "Bear" Wilkins stated that Mr. Fuerte had purchased the mobile home before the new ordinance was in place. Mayor Braddy stated that the new ordinance stated no single wide and the manufacture date had to be within the current year. Amanda L'Esperance and Donna Thomason concurred that the single wide and current year manufacture should remain as is.

Donna Thomason made the motion to deny the appeal of Gerardo Fuerte to be allowed to place a single wide mobile home with a manufacture date less than 2019 at 150 E. Paris. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. David Phillips voted Nay, Amanda L'Esperance voted Yay, Donna Thomason voted Yay, Willie "Bear" Wilkins voted Nay. Due to a tie vote and the absence of councilman Allen Foster, the deciding vote went to Mayor Darren Braddy. Mayor Braddy voted Yay. Vote to deny the placement of the single wide mobile home at 150 E. Paris carried.

AGEND AITEM #7

The item of approving resolution #01-07-19 supporting the City of Cooper's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA/Safe Routes To School (SRTS) call for projects was on the table for discussion. Mayor Braddy stated that this resolution was needed to continue with the project that would consist of constructing a sidewalk from SH 1528 to W. Waco for a safe pedestrian route to school.

David Phillips made the motion for City Attorney Jay Garrett to read resolution 01-07-19 by caption. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous. Jay Garrett read:

RESOLUTION # 01-07-19

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF COOPER'S APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2019 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TASA) / SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL-INFRASTRUCTURE (SRTS) CALL FOR PROJECTS

David Phillips made the motion to approve resolution #01-07-19. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Braddy presented to the council ordinance #01-07-19 making W. McKinney from S.W. 3rd Street to S.W. 4th Street a one-way street in a westbound direction. Donna Thomason made the motion for City Attorney Jay Garrett to read ordinance #01-07-19 by caption. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous. Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-07-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, DESIGNATING WEST MCKINNEY STREET FROM S.W. 3rd STREET TO S.W. 4th STREET AS A WEST-BOUND ONE-WAY STREET; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve ordinance #01-07-19 designating W. McKinney from S.W. 3rd to S.W. 4th a one-way street with a west bound flow of traffic. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

The council reviewed the Delta County Appraisal District 2020 preliminary budget. No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the maintenance projects.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #12

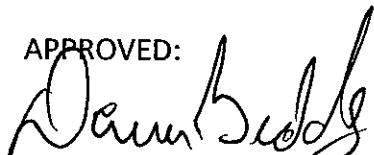
David Phillips made the motion to approve accounts payable. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

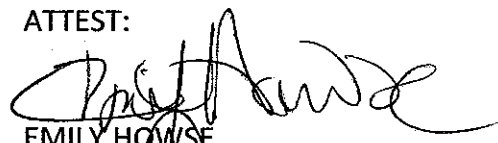
Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to adjourn. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 5:55 PM

APPROVED:


DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:


EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY