

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
MARCH 11, 2024 – 5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, SCOTTY DEATHERAGE, LINDA BARNES, DIANE STEGALL AND JOSH HOSKISON.

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, DEVONE BOWER, DAVID MIMS ROSCOE WILLIAMS, KIM MARTIN, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER, KEN APPLGATE, KERRY PAYNE, LISA PAYNE, DORTHY RUTLEDGE, MELISSA MILLARD, ELMO ROBINSON, DARLENE WILSON, JUDY FALLS, SAM FALLS.

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Mayor Darren opened the public comments. Mayor Braddy stated that in the past comments were allowed during the agenda items individually, but that is not the proper procedure and all comments will be limited to the public comment agenda item only. Mayor Braddy stated that community input is needed and welcome, but those comments should be discussed with the council or office staff before the meeting begins.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes as presented. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Kerry Payne with North Texas Animal Control Authority (NTACA). Kerry Payne thanked the council for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Payne stated that his company was in the business to catch and remove stray dogs and cats for cities that did not have the resources to do so themselves. Mr. Payne stated that, if the contract for his services was signed, he would assume all legal issues that come with the capture of stray animals. Mr. Payne stated that he has the proper license to properly do this job. Mr. Payne stated that the contract is based on per capita, which for the City of Cooper is estimated at 2056 and therefore the contract amount would be \$20,560.00 annually. The contract states 10% down (\$2,056.00) and \$1,542.00 monthly thereafter for the term of the contract. Mr. Payne stated that the contract would renew annually, unless termination or contract changes were made ninety (90) days prior to the contract end.

After much discussion on the agreement for animal control services, it was the consensus of the council to table this matter until the April meeting in order to research and get public input on this proposal.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to table the animal control contract discussion until the April 8, 2024 meeting. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy Presented to the council that John McElfish, with GrantWorks, had brought to our attention a grant that would benefit the city. Mayor Braddy stated that this grant, the Resilient Community Program (RCP) Planning Grant would be no cost to the city. Mayor Braddy stated that the city had a planning and capacity project done in 2017 by Hayter Engineering, which was a great project but a lot of the map documentation was not correct, not Hayter's fault, just old lines that were not correctly documented when they were installed. Mayor Braddy stated that the RCP Planning would incorporate zoning and be digitized.

Upon completion of this project, if changes or additions were needed, they could be updated at no or minimal cost to the city. Mayor Braddy reiterated that this would be no cost to the city. Diane Stegall made the motion to proceed with the steps needed to get this grant in motion. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA TIEM #6

Mayor Braddy presented to the council Resolution #01-03-24. Mayor Braddy stated that this resolution would designate the handicap parking space on North Side Square far west space. Mayor Braddy also stated that the city was in the process of ordering handicap signs to be placed here and in all of the other handicap designated spaces around the square.

Diane Stegall made the motion to read Resolution #01-03-24 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

RESOLUTION #01-03-24

A RESOLUTON OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, DESIGNATING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT NORTH SIDE SQUARE FAR WEST SPACE.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Resolution #01-03-24 as read by caption approving the designation of the handicap parking space on North Side Square far west parking space. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the Frankie McKinney house repairs. Mayor Braddy stated that the leveling, drainage, downspouts, and plumbing were complete. Mayor Braddy stated that the HVAC repairs was to begin soon. Mayor Braddy also stated that the inside of the house was in much need of repairs also because the wall paper was peeling off.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on street repairs, water and sewer line repairs, code enforcement and eclipse matters.

AGENDA TIEM #9

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #10

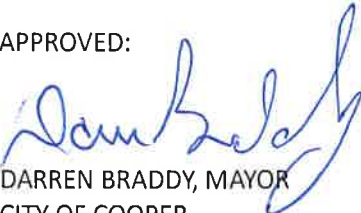
Accounts paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Diane Stegall made the motion to adjourn. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 6:34 PM

APPROVED:


DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:


EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY