

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR  
MARCH 12, 2018 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, E. J. CATES, AND WILLIE “BEAR” WILKINS

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, PHILLIP SHARP, BILLY MAAS, KATHERINE MAAS, AMANDA L’ESPERANCE, JIM BUTLER, SUSAN RASER, KAREN ATKINS, KEVIN THOMASON, RONALD SMITH, DEE JAY MORRIS, DEVONE BOWER, AND WILL ANDERTON

ABSENT: DONNA THOMASON AND ALLEN FOSTER

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Willie “Bear” Wilkins made the motion to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes as written. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Bo Szafran was again absent to give updates on the baseball field. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that a total remodel of the concession stand had been done. He stated that new wiring and plumbing had been installed. No action on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Ronald Smith, with Atmos Energy, was present to discuss the annual Rate Schedule Rate Review Mechanism “RRM” proposed ordinance #01-03-18. Ronald stated that this resolution was in place so cities didn’t have to individually go through the rate increase/decrease process. This is action has been in place and approved each year since 2010.

David Phillips made the motion to read ordinance #01-03-18 by caption. E. J. Cates seconded.

Vote unanimous. Jay Garret read: **“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER TEXAS, (“CITY”) APPROVING AND ADOPTING RATE SCHEDULE “RRM- RATE REVIEW MECHANISM” FOR ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, MID-TEX DIVISION AS A SUBSTITUTION FOR THE ANNUAL INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS DEFINED BY SECTION 104.301 OF THE TEXAS UTILITIES CODE; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY.**

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve resolution #01-03-18 adopting the Rate Schedule “RRM” for Atmos Energy Corporation. David Phillps seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Phillip Sharp, Billy Maas, and Katherine Maas, with 1 Solar Solution, was present to present to the council the idea of implementing renewable solar energy systems at the Water Treatment Plant "WTP" and the Waste Water Treatment Plant "WWTP". Phillip stated that his company was based out of Plano, Texas and they were approved by the Better Business Bureau "BBB". Phillip stated that their company only dealt with solar projects therefore they were confident that they were very knowledgeable on this subject. Phillip stated that a grant from USDA, Oncor rebates and tax incentives is how this project would be funded. Phillip stated that the city would incur no cost at all to get this project set up. Phillip stated that, according to current usage, this project could save the city \$13,829.62 at the WTP and \$8,551.52 at the WWTP annually. After much discussion on this item it was the consensus of the council for 1 Solar Solution to apply for the USDA Grant but in the meantime a contract would have to be produced for future approval of the council. E. J. Cates made the motion to approve for 1 Solar Solutions to proceed with the USDA Grant application. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that a citizen had approached him with the request to amend the golf cart ordinance #01-10-09 to allow gas powered utility vehicles to be included in the ordinance. Mayor Braddy stated that Sheriff Ricky Smith stated that he was in favor of these vehicles being allowed in the city. After much discussion on this matter, it was the consensus of the council to table this until City Attorney Jay Garrett could look further into this matter.

No action on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to read resolution 02-03-18 appointing Darren Braddy to the board of directors on the Ark-Tex Council of Governments "ATCOG". David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

Jay Garrett read: RESOLUTION NO. 02-03-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is authorized to make appointments to the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The following person is appointed/reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments:

**Darren Braddy**

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

**SECTION 3.** That if any section, provision, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this Resolution or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution, and the City Council of the City of Cooper, Texas, hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions, despite such invalidity.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2018.

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve resolution #02-03-18 appointing Darren Braddy to the ATCOG Board of Directors. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the possibility of making city buildings and vehicles smoke free and/or tobacco free. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the council to allow City Attorney Jay Garrett to prepare a proposal ordinance for future approval. This would allow more time for thought and give the absent council members access to input their opinion on this item.

No action on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #10

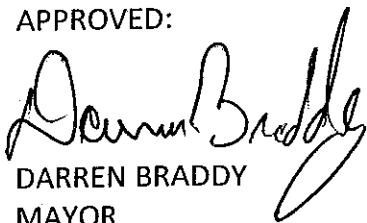
David Phillips made the motion to approve accounts payable. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

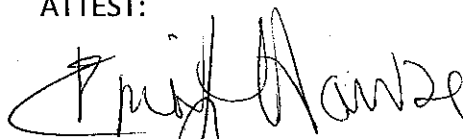
Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to adjourn. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 5:57 PM

APPROVED:

  
DARREN BRADDY  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY