

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2020 – 5:05 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, KASEY BRITTON, TINA MARTINEZ, BAILEY BURTON, MARISSA WELCH, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER, JETER CHERRY, KEN APPLGATE, DIANE STEGALL, JIM BUTLER, RENEE BOOTH, FATIMA DELGADO, JOE ADAMS KIM COX, CLAUD LEMON, EDDIE LEMON, RODNEY BRIDGES, AND JOHN KISIC.

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes as written. David Phillips seconded. Allen Foster abstained. Vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Mayor Brady stated that the public hearing item of demolition of 831 E. Kaufman was at hand. He stated that as stated in the public hearing all legal procedures had been followed and needed approval from the council to continue the process. Renee Booth, Claude Lemon, and Eddie Lemon were very concerned because they are close property owners to the dilapidated and health hazard structure. They asked if this process could be expedited. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, stated that due to the potential health hazard that this could possibly be expedited. Mayor Brady stated that the owners are saying that they will be responsible and remove the structure themselves. Darren stated that if they do not, then the city will demolish by replacing this structure for one that is on the list for Sanitation Solutions to tear down and file a lien on the property for the cost. Amanda L'Esperance did not want it to be a priority for Sanitation Solutions to tear down and take away from the other scheduled demolitions. Renee Booth was concerned with the junk and debris from a storage building that was scattered all over the yard and blowing onto her property. Mayor Darren Brady stated that if the city were to demolish this property then it would include all trash and debris from this property.

Donna Thomason made the motion to demolish the structure located at 831 E. Kaufman. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

David Marchand was not present to discuss the need for repairs on S.W. 8th Street and South Lake Street. Mayor Brady stated that he was well aware of the need for repairs on multiple streets in the city. He stated that due to the weather no repairs would be made until the weather permits. No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM #5

David Marchand was not present to discuss the school zone caution lights. Mayor Braddy stated that his research determined that no caution light was required for the area of concern. He stated that there were caution signs and that when no speed limit is posted, the speed reverts to state mandated speed which is 25mph. No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Braddy presented to the council that the RISE Broadband contract was coming up for renewal. He stated that the contract gave RISE Broadband exclusive rights to the tower for use. Darren stated that the city had sent a letter stating that the city wished to remove the exclusive restriction from the contract and allow other businesses to co-exist on the tower. Mayor Braddy stated that RISE Broadband wished to keep exclusive terms in the contract and offer the city a monthly cash payment along with continued free service for City Hall, Water Treatment Plant, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Delta County Chamber of Commerce and The Delta County Library. It was the consensus of the council NOT to accept the exclusive offer and monthly cash payment.

Allen Foster made the motion to remove the exclusive term in the contract and refuse the monthly cash offer from RISE Broadband. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM#7

Allen Foster made the motion for City Attorney Jay Garrett to read the proclamation. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

The City of Cooper, Texas
Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING AND DEFENDING THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF THE CITYZENS OF COOPER, TEXAS TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS AS GUARANTEED BY THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution states “[a] well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;” and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cooper supports and defends the rights and liberties of the citizens of the City of Cooper as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, Darren Braddy, Mayor, and David Phillips, Willie “Bear” Wilkins, Allen Foster, Donna Thomason, And Amanda L’Esperance, City council, for the City of Cooper, Texas, affirm the City of Cooper’s commitment to support and defend the right of the citizens of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the proclamation defending the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the second amendment to the constitution of the United States of America. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to appoint Denise Braddy, to replace Nikki Beeler, on the Sulphur River Regional Mobility Authority (SURRMA) Board for a two-year term. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

David Phillips made the motion to re-appoint Linda Barnes to a two-year term on the Sulphur River Municipal Water District (Sulphur River MWD). Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Braddy gave an update on water leaks, sewer issues and street repair needs and plans.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #12

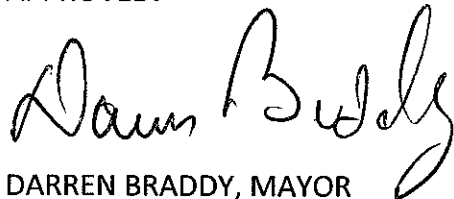
Donna Thomason made the motion to approve accounts payable. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

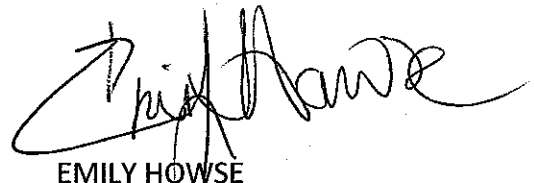
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY