

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
MARCH 8, 2021 – 5:02 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY, MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, ALLEN FOSTER, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, AND DIANE STEGALL

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, JOE ADAMS, AND KASEY BRITTON

ABSENT: ELMO ROBINSON

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

There were no comments from the public.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the February 8, 2021 public hearing minutes and the regular meeting minutes as presented. David Phillips seconded. Allen Foster abstained. Approval vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Adopt a resolution for guidelines and criteria for property tax abatement will be moved to the April 12 meeting due to public hearing posting requirements on this subject that was questioned by Amanda L'Esperance. City Attorney, Jay Garrett stated that the city was following guidelines from the State Comptroller as protocol on this matter and there is nothing in the statutes that state we have to have a 7 day notice for the public hearing on establishing guidelines criteria for tax abatement but postponing the public hearing would give the council more time to look over the criteria. Jay stated that the criteria adopted would be in place for any applicant for tax abatement, not just for the current one in process. No action.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Discuss and possible action on ordinance #01-03-20 detailing COVID-19 mandates was on the table for discussion. Mayor Darren Brady stated that the April meeting would be held in person and open to the public again. Diane Stegall strongly stated her desire to re-open the office. It was the consensus of the council to repeal ordinance #01-03-20 in its entirety. David Phillips made the motion for, City Attorney, Jay Garrett to read ordinance #01-03-21 by caption. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-03-21

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-03-20, DATED MARCH 26, 2020,
RELATING TO COVID-19 RULES AND PROTOCOLS.**

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve ordinance #01-03-21 repealing ordinance #01-03-20 in its entirety. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

David Phillips presented to the council that the Delta Hope House had received a high water bill. David stated that he saw no way that that much water could have been used. He stated that they had checked all aspects of areas where a leak might occur and found none. David asked that the cost above regular use be waived. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that the Delta Hope House was on a 2-inch meter that could not be checked unless a professional was brought in, which would cost \$350.00. Mayor Braddy also stated that waiving usage or just changing out the meter without determining that the meter was bad was not a good idea and goes against the policies in which the city has set. After much discussion on this matter, it was the consensus of the council to waive the charge that was above regular usage.

Diane Stegall made the motion to waive the above normal charge on the February 2021 water bill for the Delta Hope House. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Allen Foster made the motion to set April 10, 2021 through April 17, 2021 (excluding Sunday) as Spring Clean Up Week and September 11, 2021 through September 18, 2021 as Fall Clean Up Week (excluding Sunday). Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on city status and current events.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #10

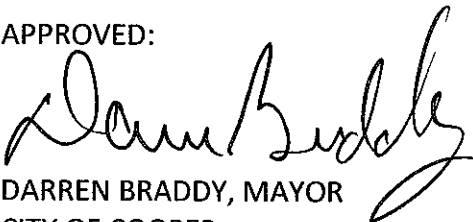
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #11

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

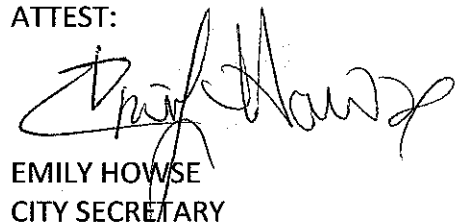
TIME: 6:00 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY