

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR  
MAY 16, 2022 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE,  
DIANE STEGALL AND JOSH HOSKISON

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, JOE ADAMS, ROBERT HURST, DONNA THOMASON, RACHEL DARDEN,  
LUCAS HAMRICK, LAURA HAMRICK, LARRY WILLIS, KEVIN CARTER, LINDA BARNES, KASEY BRITTON

ABSENT: ALLEN FOSTER

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Emily Howse read the canvass of election totals.

AGENDA ITEM #3

David Phillips made the motion to read Resolution #01-05-22 certifying the canvassed city totals in its entirety. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read Resolution #01-02-22 in its entirety which reflected Josh Hoskison, Diane Stegall and David Phillips as the candidates with the most votes to win the election.

David Phillips made the motion to approve Resolution #01-05-22 as read. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

City Attorney, Jay Garrett gave the Statement of Officers to the newly elected officials, Josh Hoskison, Diane Stegall, and David Phillips.

AGENDA ITEM #5

City Attorney, Jay Garrett presented Josh Hoskison, Diane Stegall, and David Phillips with a certificate of Election.

AGENDA ITEM #6

City Attorney, Jay Garrett gave the Oath of Office to Josh Hoskison, Diane Stegall and David Phillips.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to re-appoint David Phillips as Mayor Pro-Tem. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

No public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes as written. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Josh Hoskison abstained from voting. Vote to approve the minutes carried.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Larry Willis with Oncor was present to ask the council to approve Resolution #02-05-22 which would deny the proposed rate increase by Oncor. Larry stated that the denial would divert the rate back to the Public Utility Commission which would determine a fair and uniform rate for all.

Diane Stegall made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read Resolution #02-05-22 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-05-22**

**A RESOLUTION DENYING THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATES OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

David Phillips made the motion to approve Resolution #01-05-22 denying the proposed Oncor rate increase. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Kevin Carter who was present to discuss an easement issue on his newly acquired property located at 1801 W. Dallas Ave. Darren stated that there was an 8-inch sewer main line that runs underneath the structure. Darren stated that this fact was known when the building was constructed and the City allowed the building to be built over this main sewer line with the stipulation that if ever there was an issue then the property owner would be responsible for costs incurred during the issue and that the city had the right to remove the building within 3 days if needed to correct the issue. Kevin thanked the council for the opportunity to speak on this issue. Kevin presented documentation on the easement issue at hand. Kevin stated that he and his wife, Lisa, had contributed to the city and county by establishing multiple businesses which produced a great increase in tax dollars. Kevin stated that he had never asked the city or county for any tax abatements or special treatment for anything. Kevin stated that it was his desire for the city to remove the stipulation of tearing down the building if issues arose with the sewer main line underneath his building and that the city accept financial responsibility for any issues with this sewer main line. It was the consensus of the council to agree to Kevin's request.

Diane Stegall made the motion to request City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to prepare an agreement removing the stipulation of the building being torn down if issues arose with the sewer main line underneath the building located at 1801 W. Dallas Ave. and authorizing the city assume financial responsibility of any issues with the said sewer main line in the future. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that two vehicles, #25 2001 VIN # 1GCEC14W71Z129657 AND #27 2001 VIN# 1GCEC14V81Z219892 needed to be auctioned off. Darren stated that these vehicles were inoperable. Darren stated that Benson Bros. Inc. would auction the vehicles and take 10% of the proceeds from the auction.

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to approve the auction of #25 2001 VIN # 1GCEC14W71Z129657 AND #27 2001 VIN# 1GCEC14V81Z219892 by Benson Bros., Inc. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Diane Stegall made the motion to table the use of available funds due to the bond refinance until further information could be obtained. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance insurance premium with Farm Bureau was up for renewal. Mayor Braddy stated that the Farm Bureau insurance was in addition to the liability insurance that the city carries on the McKinney House, due to the fact that it is a city asset. The Farm Bureau insurance was acquired before it was determined that the McKinney assets were the responsibility of the city. The city insurance (TML) requires event coverage for each event held at a city location. There are many available options for event coverage that can be discussed at a later time. After much discussion it was the consensus of the council not to renew the McKinney House insurance premium with Farm Bureau.

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion not to renew the insurance premium with Farm Bureau. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Rachel Darden to present requests for funds from the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance. Rachel stated that the board, Judy Falls, Tiesha Wady, and herself were in agreement to allow scholarships to be given. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, interjected that scholarships were not allowed according to the Last Will and Testament of Frankie McKinney. Mayor Darren Braddy disagreed with City Attorney, Jay Garrett. It was the consensus of the council for the scholarship requests to be denied until further review of the will could be done and rules put in place if there was a determination that scholarships could be given.

Rachel Darden presented the second request for funds in the amount of up to \$5,000.00 for a community play that Judy Falls and Cooper ISD would put on sometime this summer.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to deny the two scholarship requests until further information could be obtained and approve the \$5,000.00 for a community play requested by Judy Falls and Cooper ISD.

Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the fire report, pot hole repair, ditch digging, and grant repairs.

AGENDA ITEM #17

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #18

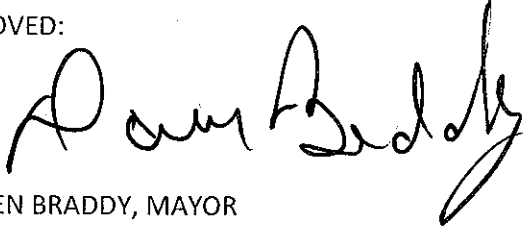
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #19

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

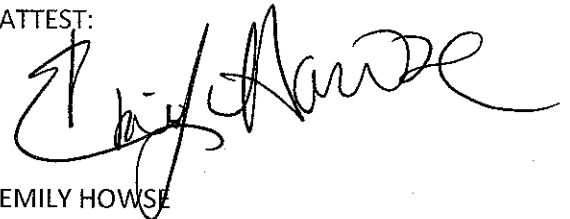
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY