

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
MAY 8, 2017 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: SCOTTY STEGALL; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, E. J. CATES, DONNA THOMASON, JOANN PREAS, AND WILLIE “BEAR” WILKINS

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, VIRGINIA FODOR, JOE ADAMS, DARREN BRADY, DELBERT HORTON, JIM BUTLER, AND CHUCK TOLES

AGENDA ITEM #1

Scotty Stegall called the meeting to order and JOANN Preas voiced the prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #2

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting as written. Willie “Bear” Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Scotty Stegall presented the audit engagement letter from McClanahan and Holmes LLC. Scotty stated that the cost of the audit would be \$13,500 and had not increased from last year. David Phillips made the motion to approve the audit engagement letter from McClanahan and Holmes LLC. JOANN Preas seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Delbert Horton presented to the council an update on the Sulphur River Regional Mobility Authority (SURREMA) SIB loan that the council had previously approved. Delbert stated that this was the City of Cooper’s portion of the Highway 24 Right of Way Utility Adjustment project to expand State Highway 24 between Cooper and Commerce. This loan began in October of 2012 with initial amount being \$147,600.00 with an interest rate of 3.68%. Delbert stated that this project would finish under budget; therefore more of the payment would be going to principal which would in turn shorten the life of the loan by approximately 8 years. The council had no questions on this update.

AGENDA ITEM #5

E. J. Cates made the motion to re-appoint Delbert Horton to a two year term on the Sulphur River Municipal Water District Board. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Virginia Fodor asked the council to approve the placement of a "Dead End Street" sign on S.W. 5th Street. She stated that in her opinion this would slow traffic in the area. She also asked the council to put up a barricade at the end of the street in hopes of deterring illegal ATV activities. Scotty Stegall stated that the city could place reflectors at the end of this street. Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the placement of a "Dead End Street" sign and reflectors on S.W. 5th Street. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Resolution #01-05-17 Excessive Force Policy that is required for the TDA Planning and Capacity Grant # 7215074 was read by Jay Garrett. It stated:

"A resolution establishing adoption of excessive force policy in accordance with 24 CFR 91.325(b)(6) as follows:

The City of Cooper hereby adopts and will enforce the following policy with respect to the use of excessive force:

1. It is the policy of the City of Cooper to prohibit the use of excessive force by the law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations;
2. It is also the policy of the City of Cooper to enforce applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction."

David Phillips made the motion to approve resolution #01-05-17 Excessive Force Policy for the TDA Planning and Capacity Grant #7215074. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Scotty presented an update on past violations on the Water Plant and the Wastewater Plant. Scotty stated that the violations had been in place before Wendell Preas retired therefore Terry Palmer inherited these issues. TCEQ stipulates that we have to show progress toward fixing all violations that are submitted. Scotty stated that such repairs are very costly but have to be done. He also stated that potential grants may be available to assist with these repairs. Terry Palmer is diligently working to correct all violations as funds are available.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #11

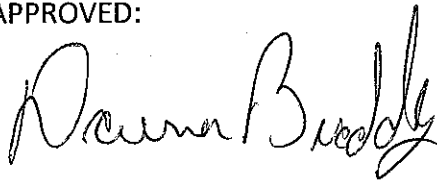
JOANN Preas made the motion to approve accounts payable. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. JOANN Preas seconded. Vote unanimous.

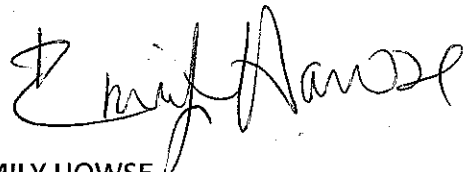
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY