

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
APRIL 11, 2022 – 5:00 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

ABSENT: ELMO ROBINSON

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, DONNA THOMASON, JUAN ROMERO, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER, DORTHY RUTLEDGE, CHARLES EDWARDS, KASEY BRITTON, LINDA BARNES, KEVIN YOUNG, KENNETH APPLGATE AND JOE ADAMS VIA ZOOM

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

No public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the March 14, 2022 minutes as written. David Phillips seconded. Allen Foster abstained from the vote. Vote to approve the minutes as written carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Charles Edwards, with Resource Management and Consulting Co., to make the presentation regarding the TXCDBG 7220101 Section Three requirements. Charles thanked the council for having him. Charles stated that Section Three stipulations were put in place to allow low to moderate income cities, contractors and employees, to be eligible for receiving grants, receiving bid awards, and employment within the grant realm. Charles stated that grant recipients must direct economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons. Charles stated that all details of the grants must be presented in areas where low to very low-income persons can be aware. Charles stated that there is a website where this classification of businesses and workers search and he made sure that the information was put on that website for easy access for all who were interested. Charles stated that businesses can register at Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) website:

<https://portalapps.hud.gov/Sec3BusReg/BRegistry?RegisterBusiness>

HUB – <https://texashub.gob2g.com/>

Charles stated that workers could register at <https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal/>

Charles stated that, as the administrator of the grant, he would make sure all is done correctly.

No action was needed on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy again introduced Charles Edwards, with Resource Management and Consulting Co. to discuss Assignment of TXCDBG and HOME contracts. Charles Edwards stated that GrantWorks, Inc, is purchasing certain assets of his company, Resource Management and Consulting Co. The City of Cooper previously executed agreements with Resource Management and Consulting Co. for Professional Management ("Agreement") for the ARPA Funding, TXCDBG project 7220101 for water improvements,

TXCDBG project CDV21-0376 for street improvement and a HOME RSP contract 2020-0048. Charles stated that in order to complete the transaction between Resource Management and Consulting Co. and GrantWorks, Inc, he stated that the City of Cooper needs to approve assignment of Resource Management and Consulting Co's interest in the Agreement to GrantWorks, Inc. so they can provide the required professional management services to the City of Cooper.

It was the consensus of the council to approve the assignment of TXCDBG and HOME Contracts. Allen Foster made the motion to approve the assignment of the TXCDBG and HOME Contracts to GrantWorks, Inc. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Resolution #01-04-22 which would remove Elmo Robinson from his council position due to his absence for three consecutive meetings. Mayor Braddy stated that he had spoke with Elmo and Elmo had conveyed to Darren that, regretfully, he had been going through some personal difficult times and was not in the frame of mind to perform his council duties as he should. Darren stated that Elmo was getting back on track with his life and he was interested in becoming a regular employee of the City of Cooper. Darren stated that state law would not allow a council person to become an employee of said city, until their council position was filled, if they resigned from their council position. Forcefully removing him would cause the position to be vacant which would allow him to be hired immediately. Darren stated that Elmo had previously worked for the city and it was the consensus of the employees that Elmo be hired back. Elmo would be hired back at an entry level position with the same advancement opportunities that all employees have.

Allen Foster made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read Resolution #01-04-22 by caption. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-04-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER DECLARING A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL DUE TO MEMBER, ELMO ROBINSON HAVING BEEN ABSENT THREE CONSECUTIVE REGULAR MEETINGS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Resolution #01-04-22 declaring a vacancy on the council due to Elmo Robinson being absent for three consecutive meetings. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Charlie Steward had previously been named Election Judge. Darren stated that due to Charlie's prior commitment to the County that he could not be the Judge for the city. Darren stated that Cynthia Steward was willing to assume the Election Judge position. Allen Foster made the motion to appoint Cynthia Steward as Election Judge. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that, in order to be able to canvass the election totals without calling a special meeting, the regular meeting needed to be changed from May 9, 2022 to May 16, 2022.

Diane Stegall made the motion to change the regular meeting for May to May 16, 2022. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

No requests for the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance funding or facility use.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on Rotating Fire Shift status, employee licensing, streets, and clean up week.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #12

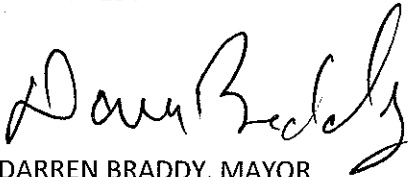
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Diane Stegall made the motion to adjourn. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

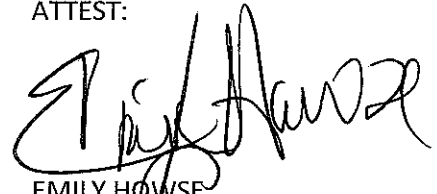
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY