

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2019 – 5:03 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, GREG STEGALL, JOE ADAMS, RANDY ATCHLEY, FATIMA DELGADO, KIM COX, ROCKY YOUNG, JIM BUTLER, ZYA L'ESPERANCE, AND LYRA L'ESPERANCE

ABSENT: DAVID PHILLIPS

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Allen Foster made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2019 regular council meeting. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Resolution #01-11-19 was on the table for discussion. This resolution, regarding civil rights, is a standard procedure for the TxCDBG FAST Fund Grant #7219096 acquisition. Allen Foster made the motion to allow City Attorney Jay Garrett to read resolution #01-11-19. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney Jay Garrett read the resolution in its entirety. Donna Thomason made the motion to approve resolution #01-11-19 regarding civil rights as presented. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Resolution #02-11-19 was on the table for discussion. This resolution, authorizing signatories for the TxCDBG FAST Fund Grant #7219096 designates the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Secretary to sign grant documents for the TxCDBG FAST Fund Grant. City Attorney Jay Garrett read resolution #02-11-19 in its entirety. Allen Foster made the motion to approve resolution #02-11-19 authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Secretary as signatories for the TxCDBG FAST Fund Grant #7219096 as presented. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement with the Cooper Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a new fire truck which will be funded by the TxCDBG FAST Fund Grant #7219096 with the City match of \$5,000.00. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Allen Foster made the motion to read by caption ordinance #01-11-19 which rezones 411 W. Ft. Worth from R-1 Single Family to R-3 Multi Family as discussed in the public hearing preceding this meeting. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-11-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND (LEGAL: OLD TOWN COOPER, BLOCK 42, LOT 2 [NE 1/4 108 X 108]), COMMONLY KNOWN AS 411 W. FT. WORTH, COOPER, TEXAS, FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TO MULTI-FAMILY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A PENALTY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Allen Foster made the motion to approve ordinance #01-11-19 rezoning 411 W. Ft. Worth from R-1 Single Family to R-3 Multi Family. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Rocky Young, Randy Atchley, and Greg Stegall were present to ask the council their permission to allow the Cooper FFA Alumni to remodel the existing show barn facility located at the Cooper Harmon Park Rodeo Arena area. Rocky Young and Randy Atchley stated that the show barn facility was not well enough designed to host events. They stated that themselves and many other volunteers had done work to fix the area but they really needed to build a new facility. This property is currently leased to the Cooper Rodeo Club by resolution #01-03-99 which was approved March 29, 1999 stating a 99-year lease. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that he had talked to members of the Cooper Rodeo Club and they were in agreement that it was a good idea to fix the existing barn and allow the new facility to be built. City Attorney Jay Garrett stated that the lease agreement would need to be amended to incorporate the upgrade and new facility. Mayor Braddy stated that if the facility was built then it would become city property because it would be on city property. All were in agreement with this statement. No action was taken on this item due to more details needed to be worked out.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Allen Foster made the motion to cast all 533 votes for the Delta County Appraisal District Board for a two-year term to Amanda L'Esperance. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

McClanahan and Holmes presented a new audit engagement letter stating the council approved change from accrual basis accounting to modified cash basis accounting. Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the updated audit engagement authorizing the change from accrual basis accounting to modified cash basis accounting. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Braddy presented ordinance #02-11-19 which updates the existing personnel policy for the City of Cooper Employees. This updated policy has been discussed in multiple previous meetings. Allen Foster made the motion to read ordinance #02-11-19 by caption. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-11-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ATTACHED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF THE CITY OF COOPER BY REPEALING THE CURRENT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND REPLACING THE EXISTING HANDBOOK WITH THE ATTACHED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to approve ordinance #02-11-19 updating the personnel policy for The City of Cooper Employees. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren updated the council on maintenance projects. Culverts, ditches, roads, sewer lines, and leaks were the main projects in the works.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #13

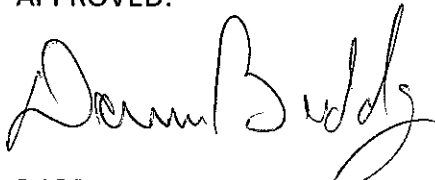
Allen Foster made the motion to approve accounts payable. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Donna Thomason made the motion to adjourn. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

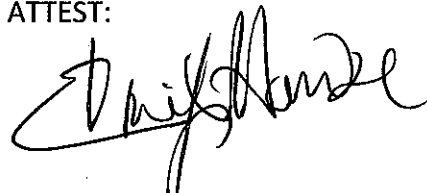
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY