

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR  
NOVEMBER 13, 2023 – 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, SCOTTY DEATHERAGE, LINDA BARNES, DIANE STEGALL AND JOSH HOSKISON

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, CAROLYN BACY ROBERTS, ASHLEE FOLLIS, CHRIS DONNAN, KAREN ATKINS SUSAN RASER, DEVONNE BOWER, LAURA HAMRICK, MELISSA MILLARD, AND BEVERLY BURROW

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

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes as written. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Resolution #01-11-23 changing the council meeting time from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm beginning January 8, 2024. It was the consensus of the council to approve the council meeting time change.

Diane Stegall made the motion to read Resolution #01-11-23 by caption. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read.

**RESOLUTION #01-11-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS SETTING A TIME CHANGE FOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2024**

David Phillips made the motion to approve Resolution #01-11-23 changing the council meeting time from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Resolution #02-11-23 casting the 520 eligible votes for Scotty Deatherage to the Delta County Appraisal District Board of Directors for a two-year term. It was the consensus of the council for all of the 520 eligible votes to go to Scotty Deatherage.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #02-11-23. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

**Resolution #02-11-23**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by City of Cooper Council, meeting in a regular session, this 13 day of November 2023 hereby casts its eligible votes for the following candidates:

1. Allen Beeler
2. Thomas Darden
3. Scotty Deatherage 520
4. Jeffrey Phifer
5. Dan Roffee
6. Kregg Slakey
7. Jeff Snowden
8. Shawn Stegall

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Resolution #02-11-23 casting all 520 eligible votes for Scotty Deatherage. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #6**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Resolution #03-11-23 for temporary closure of a portion of the State ROW for the Delta County Fair. It was the consensus of the council to approve this closure.

David Phillips made the motion to read Resolution #03-11-23 by caption. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

**RESOLUTION #03-11-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Resolution #03-11-23 approving the State ROW closure for the Delta County Fair. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Ashlee Follis was present to ask the council for the allowance to obtain city water service at 201 N.W. 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that this property was not in the city limits but is surrounded by property inside city limits and Resolution #02-07-21 allowed the council to make the decision. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that this property historically was allowed city water and was charged a double water bill. This property does not have sewer access, it has septic. It was the consensus of the council not to require annexation and to allow water services to be connected with a double water charge. Garbage pick up will be determined at a later date for this property.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to allow city services for 201 N.W. 11<sup>th</sup> without annexation.

Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #8**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Chris Donnan, with Hayter Engineering, was present to discuss the possible award of the street repair project using the American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP). Chris Donnan stated that J & L Paving was the low bidder for the project with the cost of \$475,096.65. Chris Donnan stated that he requests the council approve J & L Paving for the project.

Diane Stegall made the motion to accept and award the bid of \$475,096.65 by J & L Paving for the ARP Street Repair Project. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the task of determining which streets will be repaired. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that the bid from J & L Paving in the amount of \$475,096.65 was in excess of the ARP Funds remaining. Mayor Braddy stated that with the acceptance of the bid, now a change order could be done and reduce the number of streets to be repaired and it was the discretion of the council to determine which streets would be repaired. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that \$260,000.00 was left in the ARP funds to use. Mayor Braddy stated that funds for road materials budgeted in the Street Fund could be used to supplement the ARP Funds. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the council to make repairs to Pershing from N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> to N.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> then South to W. Commerce, N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> from E. Dallas to dead end, S. W. 13 from W. Kaufman to W. McKinney, and S.E. 1<sup>st</sup> from E. Waco to E. Beaumont for a total projected cost of \$303,878.47.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the street repairs for Pershing from N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> to N.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> then South to W. Commerce, N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> from E. Dallas to dead end, S. W. 13 from W. Kaufman to W. McKinney, and S.E. 1<sup>st</sup> from E. Waco to E. Beaumont for a total projected cost of \$303,878.47. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the bids for the sale of property of 110 S.W. 1<sup>st</sup> and 550 S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> were at hand. Mayor Braddy stated that he had been contacted by a person interested in the bid but did not put his bid in within the timeframe stated in the published ad. Mayor Braddy stated that the council had the option to wait to open the one bid and republish the notice. It was the consensus of the council to open the one and only bid. City Attorney, Jay Garrett opened the bid which was received on October 30, 2023 at 4:13 PM. City Attorney Jay Garrett read: *"City of Cooper RE: DCAD Property ID #5928 110 S.W. 1st. JK&L, LLC would like to submit a bid of \$16,250.00 for the building at 110 S.W. 1st. The plan would be to start cleaning up immediately and prepare the space for retail a/or office space that supports the needs of our community. The construction plan would be to demo the interior walls and build a new store front. Respectfully, Lex Huie 43 CR 4120 Cooper, Texas 75432"*

Josh Hoskison made the motion to accept the bid of \$16,250.00 for the purchase of 110 S.W. 1<sup>st</sup> with the restrictions stated in Ordinance #04-09-23. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the Christmas Party location was at hand. Mayor Braddy stated that the Emma Grace was, in his opinion, a good place to have it. Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve the Christmas Party to be held at the Emma Grace on

December 11, 2033 immediately following the council meeting. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the McKinney House repairs.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on city status, leaks and solar eclipse possibilities.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #16

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

TIME: 6:19 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY