

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
NOVEMBER 7, 2022 – 5:00 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

ABSENT: ALLEN FOSTER

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, MARTHA HOLMES, MARTHA IVIE, SUSAN RASER, KASEY BRITTON,
LINDA BURNS, BUTCH BURNS, BETTY SLAKEY, CAROLYN IRVIN, JOYCE LOVELADY, SHARLINE FREEMAN,
DEMEATRICE SHEPPAARD, BILLY FORD, CHARLOTTE FORD-MORAN, CHARLA SINGLETON, LUCAS
HAMRICK, LAURA HAMRICK, DEAN JOHNSON VIA ZOOM AND MACK AND DIXIE MCCLAIN ARRIVED LATE

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 at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #3

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

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy turned the meeting over to Sharlene Freeman. Sharlene thanked the council for allowing her to speak on behalf of a group of ladies that were present in support of asking the city to approve to place a "City Pride" sign at the entrances to Cooper commending the "State Champions" of previous years. Sharlene introduced: Martha Holmes, Linda Burns, Carolyn Irvin, Betty Slakey and Joyce Lovelady. All of these ladies have been a part of a State Championship honor in 1958, 1960, and 1977 for Women's Basketball. Sharlene commended all years of accomplishment for each group which had brought home the State Champion title. Sharlene stated that they had contacted the state to get this process started but the state told them that the city would have to approve first. Sharlene stated that the class of 1960 would pay for the sign. After much discussion and appreciation for all involved in acquiring the multi-year State Championship titles, it was the consensus of the council to approve to start the process to get the signs installed, but to encompass all State Champions not just the women's basketball teams.

Diane Stegall made the motion to begin the process to place the "Welcome to Cooper Home of State Champions" at the two entrances to Cooper. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Ordinance #01-11-22 stating incentives for the Jackson properties that was discussed in the October 11, 2022 meeting. Darren stated that the council agreed to decrease the water and sewer taps by one-half for two structures. One located at 301 N.E. 8th Street and one at 730 E. Commerce Ave.

David Phillips made the motion to read Ordinance #01-11-22 by caption. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #01-11-22

AN ORDINANCE FOR A DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR 301 N.E. 8TH AND 730 E. COMMERCE BEING OWNED BY MIRELLA-MONTEJANO-JACKSON; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A PENALTY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER NOVEMBER 7, 2022.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Ordinance #01-11-22. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Braddy presented to the council Ordinance #02-11-22 stating incentives for the Gonzales property that was discussed in the October 11, 2022 meeting. Darren stated that the council agreed to decrease the water and sewer taps by one-half for four tiny home structures on the DCAD Property ID # 5383 located on N.W. 1st Street. The addresses will be determined at a later date. Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to read Ordinance #02-11-22 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #02-11-22

AN ORDINANCE FOR A DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR FOUR ADDRESSES TO BE DETERMINED AT THE DCAD PROPERTY ID #5383 BEING OWNED BY RONNY GONZALES; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A PENALTY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER NOVEMBER 7, 2022.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Ordinance #02-11-22. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Demeatrice Sheppard. Demeatrice thanked the council for allowing her to speak. Demeatrice stated that she was in the process of acquiring signatures to place a mobile home at 220 W. Commerce. She said that she had a large family and was currently renting a very small place. She stated that her husband owned the property where they wanted to place a double wide mobile home. Demeatrice stated that the house that was previously on this location had been demolished. Demeatrice stated that she had a total of sixteen signatures to get and she had acquired all but two signatures.

Mayor Braddy reiterated that the previously approved ordinance states that the lack of signatures could be appealed if only one was unobtainable.

It was the consensus of the council to allow the mobile home to be placed even though two signatures had not been obtained.

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to allow the placement of the mobile home at 220 W. Commerce even though the signature requirement was not reached. David Phillips made the motion to second. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the previously amended mobile home Ordinance #02-05-19. Darren stated that this is the ordinance which was looked at in 2019. He stated that there were changes to

that mobile homes were new and no single wide structure would be allowed. It also ruled that no RV could be made into living quarters other than in an RV Park. This ordinance also changed the signature requirement from if one didn't sign the mobile home could not be placed, to if they lacked one signature that it could be appealed to the council. Darren stated that this is the second time that the council has defied the ordinance that they just recently put in place. He stated that it is difficult for himself and staff to uphold the rulings of the ordinance when the council is going to overrule. City Attorney stated that this ordinance was put in place to allow homeowners that have costly homes to not allow a mobile home to be placed next to them if they so choose. Darren stated that the council really needs to think about what changes need to be made to this ordinance.

Diane Stegall made the motion to table this item until further information could be obtained. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Resolution #01-1-22. This resolution states a cost sharing for emergency vehicle fuel. Darren stated that Delta County ESD and the City of Cooper have been splitting the emergency fuel cost for some time but it was agreed that an official document would be a good idea.

David Phillips made the motion to read Resolution #01-01-22 by caption. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

RESOLUTION #01-11-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, DELTA COUNTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELTA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF COOPER

David Phillips made the motion to approve Resolution #01-11-22. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Ordinance #03-11-22 amending the budget to supplement the Delta County Sheriff's Office. This item was previously discussed at the October 11, 2022 meeting also. Sheriff, Charla Singleton, was present to take questions on this matter. Sheriff Singleton stated that she was very short handed due to the fact that the county did not have the money budgeted that was necessary to increase officer pay. Josh Hoskison stated that he understood the hardship of this issue for Sheriff Singleton, but his concern was for the citizens of Cooper when the city already contributes \$50,000.00 to the county for use in supplementing law enforcement. Mayor Darren Braddy asked Sheriff Singleton if she and the other supervisory officers were pulling duty. Sheriff Singleton stated "yes". Mayor Braddy also asked Sheriff Singleton if she had been to Commissioners Court to ask them to amend their budget to assist her shortfall of funds. Sheriff Singleton stated "no". Mayor Braddy stated that this burden should not fall on the city, it should be the county's responsibility. After much discussion on this item Diane Stegall made the motion to disapprove Ordinance #03-11-22. Josh Hoskison seconded. David Phillips abstained from voting. Amanda L'Esperance voted nay to disapprove Ordinance #03-11-22. Diane Stegall voted yay to disapprove Ordinance #03-11-22. Josh Hoskison voted yay to disapprove Ordinance #03-11-22. The council vote of 2-1 to deny Ordinance #03-11-22 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy presented Resolution #02-11-22 allowing Electronic Fund Transfer (EFTS) to be initiated to make payments necessary to the operations of the city. Darren stated that EFTS had been being processed with no issue but necessary documentation to allow this in the future needed to be put in place due to the two-signature requirement on paper checks that the city has in place. The resolution will encompass all accounts that the city has.

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to read Resolution #02-11-22 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

RESOLUTION #02-11-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, DELTA COUNTY, TEXAS
ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS AND ONLINE BANKING FOR THE CITY OF
COOPER**

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Resolution #02-11-22 authorizing EFT transactions on all City of Cooper accounts, when necessary, to be initiated. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

The Delta County Appraisal District approved budget was reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #13

There were no Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance items for discussion.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on water leaks, tree trimming, and Christmas Decorations.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #16

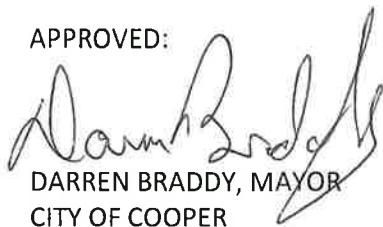
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #17

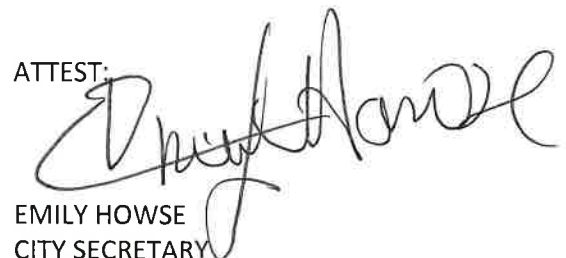
David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 6:32 PM

APPROVED:


DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:


EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY