

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
OCTOBER 13, 2020-5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS ARRIVED AT 5:27 PM, ALLEN FOSTER, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, DONNA THOMASON, AND WILLIE "BEAR" WILKINS

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, JIM BUTLER, DIANE STEGALL, KASEY BRITTON, A CONSTITUTIONAL CITIZEN, JACQUE STORY, DAVID STORY AND SALES REP

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Mayor Braddy asked for public comments on the agenda items. There were no comments from the public.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Allen Foster made the motion to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes as written. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Willie "Bear" Wilkins abstained. Approval vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the need for a setback variance for 1406 S.W. 9th Street. Mayor Braddy stated that this structure, as most in this area, was built over the city's prescribed set back regulations. It was the consensus of the council to approve this variance.

Allen Foster made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read ordinance #01-10-20 by caption. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-10-20

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1406 S.W. 9th STREET FROM CERTAIN PROTRUSION OF ONE-STORY BRICK RESIDENCE IN THE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE CITY CODE FOR STRUCTURE SET BACKS.

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve ordinance #01-10-20 granting the setback variance to the property located at 1406 S.W. 9th Street. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Braddy presented to the council the resolution approving the budgeted time warrant. He stated that this time warrant was for \$160,000.00 which would be used to purchase a skid steer loader, two (2) new vehicles, and Fire Department equipment. The interest rate will be 2.5% with a 5-year payout term. Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read the resolution by caption. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PERFORM ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COOPER IN ISSUANCE OF A TIME WARRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SKID STEER LOADER, TWO (2) VEHICLES AND FIRE TRUCK EQUIPMENT; AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID RESOLUTION AND ALL INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE TO THIS RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO AUTHENTICATE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE TO THIS RESOLUTION AND ALL INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE TO THIS RESOLUTION.

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to approve resolution #01-10-20 authorizing the purchase of the time warrant in the amount of \$160,000.00 for the purchase of a skid steer loader, two (2) vehicles, and Fire Department equipment with a 2.5% interest rate and a 5-year payout. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Braddy presented to the council the need to place a no parking sign on N.W. 5th Street and W. Commerce Avenue. Mayor Braddy stated that the Cooper Housing Authority has a designated inset parking area on this street. He stated that vehicles are being parked outside of this inset and it is causing a traffic hazard. Darren stated that the no parking sign would be placed north of the designated parking area between the north edge of the designated parking area and W. Commerce Avenue. Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett to read ordinance #02-10-20 allowing placement of the no parking signs by caption. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-10-20

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PLACING TWO NO PARKING SIGNS AT N.W. 5TH STREET AND W. COMMERCE AVENUE, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS ORDINANCE AND ALL INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS ORDINANCE, AND AUTHORIZING CITY SECRETARY TO AUTHENTICATE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE TO THIS ORDINANCE AND ANY INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS ORDINANCE.

Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to approve ordinance #02-10-20 allowing placement of the two no parking signs at N.W. 5th Street and W. Commerce Avenue. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Braddy presented to the council the need to change the zoning at the Industrial Park. He stated that this area was currently zoned light commercial, the same as the downtown area. In his opinion an "Industrial Park" should be zoned to allow for businesses that are not allowed in a Light Commercial area, such as a meat processing plant. Mayor Braddy introduced Jacque Story and David Story. Jacque thanked the council and presented that she and her husband, David, would like to put in a meat processing plant, Delta Meat Processing LLC, at 451 FM 64. Jacque stated that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a backlog of individuals who have their own animals processed for personal consumption. She stated that this meat processing plant would benefit many by creating jobs, tax dollars for the city, increased water sales for the city, and reduce the backlog for individuals. Jacque stated that their facility would not have an abundance of offensive odors. She stated that the offal would be immediately refrigerated which would not allow time for offensive odors to be created. She stated that there were underground tanks for the blood which would be periodically removed, just like septic system removals are done. She stated that the stock area would be washed daily.

It was the consensus of the council to allow, City Attorney, Jay Garrett to prepare an ordinance to change the zoning at the Industrial Park. Amanda L'Esperance made the motion for, City Attorney, Jay Garrett to prepare the zoning change ordinance for the Industrial Park. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Braddy presented to the council the need to look into implementing regulations and fees for food trucks that want to set up within the city. He asked the council for direction on permit fees which would include utility usage, which is currently at the city's expense. After much discussion, this item was tabled until further information was obtained. No Action.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Braddy presented to the council that a craft fair was going to be held at Harmon Park. He stated that the vendors were being charged and part of the proceeds would be used to improve the restroom facilities at the park. As with food trucks, no regulations are in place for park use in this manner. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, stated that there is a park regulation ordinance but it would need to be amended to include fair usage regulations. After much discussion, this item was also tabled until further information was obtained. No action.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on current events. Water leaks have slowed down, tickets are caught up, skid steer has great capabilities, and Joseph Villarreal has completed all of his classes and is ready for testing for his class C water license.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #12

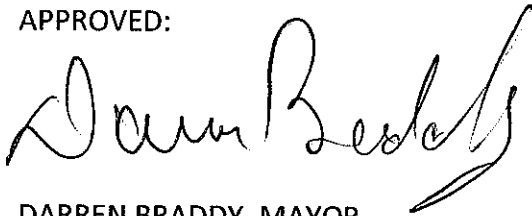
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Willie "Bear" Wilkins stated that this was his last meeting. He thanked all for allowing his 14-year tenure on the council. In 2006 Willie "Bear" Wilkins was appointed to fill an unexpired term of newly elected, Stanley Roberts. Willie "Bear" Wilkins was then elected in 2008 with 112 votes. "Bear" did not run for election this year (2020). All thanked Willie "Bear" for being a great council member. "Bear" stated "It's been real". Willie "Bear" Wilkins made his final motion to adjourn. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

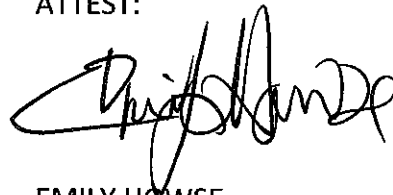
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY