

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, E. J. CATES, DONNA THOMASON, AND WILLIE “BEAR” WILKINS.

ABSENT: ALLEN FOSTER

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, AMANDA LESPERANCE, JOE ADAMS, ELDON FOX, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER, TERRY PALMER, KYLA SANDERS, VICKIE WORDEN, JIM BUTLER, CHARLES EDWARDS, STAN RADELL, LINDA RADELL AND KATHRYN NEIL.

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Mayor Braddy opened the public hearing to discuss the proposed 2018-2019 city budget.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that, as discussed in the previous meetings, that the city would consider adopting the budget based on the effective rate of 0.89262 for maintenance and operation and 0.044602 for the debt rate for a total of 0.937222. Eldon Fox asked a few general questions about the tax rate. After a brief discussion

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy closed the public hearing.

AGENDA ITEM #5

David Phillips made the motion to approve and adopt the 2018-2019 city budget of 0.89262 for maintenance and operation 0.044602 for debt rate for a total tax rate of .937222. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve and adopt the 2018-2019 tax rate ordinance #01-09-18. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the August 7, 2018 work session minutes as written. E. J. Cates seconded. David Phillips abstained due to his absence at that meeting. Vote carried.

CONTINUE AGENDA ITEM #7

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the August 13, 2018 minutes as written. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Charles Edwards with Resource Management was present to present the bid that was received for the HOME Program Grant #079356820 on September 5, 2018 at 11:05 am. Charles stated that only one bid was presented. This bid was over the actual budgeted amount. Charles stated that this bid could be accepted, pending an approved amendment from TDHCA (Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs). Charles stated that, in his opinion, Doyle Whitaker was a reputable contractor and there was no reason to rebid this project. David Phillips made the motion to approve and accept the sole bid for the HOME Program Grant #079356820 as presented; pending an approved amendment from TDHCA. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Donna Thomason made the motion to approve the Delta County Appraisal District Budget as presented. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to approve the Delta County Tax Assessor Collector contract as presented. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the need to appoint a Zoning Commissioner due to the retirement of James Jarrell. Darren stated that he himself would like to be appointed. It was the consensus of the council to appoint Darren as Zoning Commissioner. Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to appoint Darren Braddy as Zoning Commissioner. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

David Phillips made the motion to read resolution #01-09-18 increasing the minimum sewer rate from \$13.00 to \$18.00 by caption. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-09-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS ESTABLISHING THE SEWER RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve resolution #01-09-18 increasing the minimum sewer rates. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-09-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS ESTABLISHING THE WATER RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

David Phillips made the motion to approve resolution #02-09-18 increasing the minimum water rates. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #14**

Donna Thomason made the motion to read ordinance # 02-09-18 by caption. This ordinance will amend ordinance 02-02-08 increasing the minimum water rates, minimum sewer rates, and raising the water tap fees and the sewer tap fees. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-09-18**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION I - GENERAL, SUBSECTION 2 APPLICATION AND FEE FOR WATER AND SEWER TAPS, (a) STANDARD TAP FEE AND SECTION II – SERVICE CHARGES, SUBSECTION 2 WATER RATES, (a), (b), AND SECTION III – SEWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS USING CITY WATER, (a 1), WHICH REGULATES WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AND ESTABLISHES WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

David Phillips made the motion to approve ordinance #02-09-18 increasing the minimum water rates, minimum sewer rates and increasing the water tap fees and sewer tap fees. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #15**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the Masonic Lodge was in the process of donating the building located at 100 S.W.1<sup>st</sup> to the City of Cooper. Darren stated that City Attorney Jay Garrett was preparing the documents at this time. No action on this matter was needed until the documents were complete.

**AGENDA ITEM #16**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the need to purchase a new vehicle for the Water Treatment Plant/Sewer Treatment Plant. Darren stated that Terry Palmer had been using his personal vehicle for several years and it was time to make this purchase. Darren stated that First National Bank would charge 3% interest on a three-year time warrant. Donna Thomason

made the motion to read resolution #03-09-18 by caption. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-09-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL 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 AND ACQUISITION OF A 2018 CHEVROLET TRUCK FOR CITY USE; AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID RESOLUTION AND ALL INSTRUMENTS REQUISITE TO THIS RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZING 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 #03-09-18 authorizing the time warrant, for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Water Treatment Plant/Sewer Treatment Plant, with First National Bank. Donna Thomason seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #17**

Taylor Chevalier was not present to discuss the possibility of establishing a sports bar. No action was needed or taken on this matter.

**AGENDA ITEM #18**

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that, due to complaints from citizens, the item of notifying the public before certain work, such as tree trimming, was on the table for discussion. Mayor Braddy stated that, in his opinion we did not need to spend time doing this due to the fact that it would take too much time from other work that needed to be done. Donna Thomason stated that she would like for the city to notify residents. Darren stated that he would do some more research on the issue. No action was taken on this matter at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #19**

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that Vickie Worden and Kyla Sanders were present to try and help with the city's dog problem. Kyla Sanders stated that they were in the business of relocating stray dogs to good homes. She stated that it cost them between \$100.00 and \$125.00 to prepare a dog for adoption. Mayor Braddy stated that their operation is funded by donations. Kyla stated that if an agreement was made with the city for them to take all of the city's stray dogs that they would only charge the city \$50.00 per dog. Mayor Braddy said that the city needed to put in place a kennel license, to allow Kyla and Vickie to legally house more animals than the current ordinance allows. Kyla iterated that the kennel license should only be for rescue situations. Mayor Braddy stated that we would look into this matter at a later date. No action was taken on this item.

**AGENDA ITEM #20**

Mayor Braddy stated that Morris Lane was the name given to the private drive issue that was discussed at the August 13, 2018 meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM # 21**

Monthly reports were given by Terry Palmer. Chuck Toles and Will Anderton were absent.

AGENDA ITEM #22

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #23

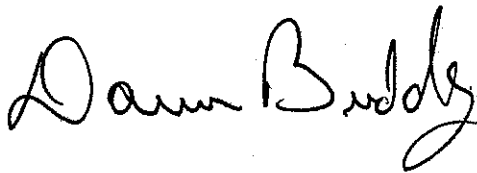
E. J. Cates made the motion to approve accounts payable. Donna Thomason seconded.  
Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #24

Willie "Bear" Wilkins made the motion to adjourn. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

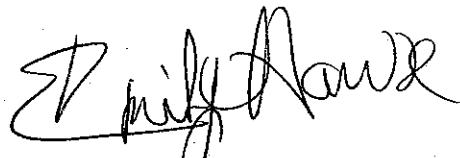
TIME: 6:20 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY