

CITY OF COOPER  
PUBLIC HEARING #2 TAX RATE ABOVE EFFECTIVE RATE  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, ALLEN FOSTER, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, AND DIANE STEGALL

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT ATTENDED VIA ZOOM

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, JOE ADAMS, KASEY BRITTON, SUSAN RASER, TANNER CRUTCHER, MIKE COPELAND, DONNA THOMASON, CHARLA SINGLETON, BELINDA STEWARD, DOROTHY RUTLEDGE, DUSTIN HUNTER, LINDA BARNES, CAROL LOWERY, SHAUNA HOLLOWAY, JEFF HOLLOWAY, AND JOSH SKEEN

AGENDA ITEM #1

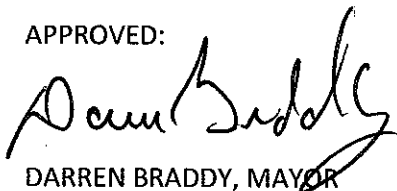
Mayor Darren Braddy opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing on the tax rate above effective rate.

First off, Darren clarified statements that were stated in the first public hearing that were personally directed at the volunteer Fire Chief, Tanner Crutcher, that he was not qualified as a peace officer and fireman. Darren stated that Tanner has full qualifications for fire and police.

Darren stated that we needed to go above the effective rate in order to get the daytime rotating fire department funded. There was much discussion of creating a city police force and/or the rotating fire department. Darren stated that the rotating fire department made more sense for now because there are too many variables pertaining to a city police that can't be done or funded at this time. Amanda L'Esperance stated that if the city did not go with the city police option, then the city should go with the effective rate and find the money for the rotating fire department within the effective rate budget. Darren asked for comments from the public. Hearing none, Darren closed the public hearing.

TIME: 5:31 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY