

CITY OF COOPER
COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 – 5:31 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADDY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, ALLEN FOSTER, AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, DIANE STEGALL, AND ELMO ROBINSON ARRIVED AT 6:20 PM

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 stated that the prayer had been done at the start of the public hearing.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Mayor Darren Braddy asked for public comments. There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the August 9, 2021 regular minutes and the August 24, 2021 budget work session as presented. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. David Phillips and Allen Foster abstained. With a tie vote, Mayor Darren Braddy is allowed to vote. Darren voted to approve the minutes. Vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the administrative services for the American Rescue Plan Funds was at hand. He stated that Jet Development and Resource Management & Consultants were the only two that responded to the request. Darren stated that Resource Management had always gone above and beyond the scope of duties on all of the projects that they have done for the City of Cooper in the past. Darren stated that he had asked a few sources about Jet Development but was not able to find anyone that knew anything about them. He stated that he was sure that they were capable of doing the job, but we are familiar with Resource Management and they have a great track record with the City of Cooper and are very diligent in processing all aspects of grants as they should be processed. It was the consensus of the council to choose Resource Management.

Diane Stegall made the motion to award the administrative services for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Resource Management & Consultants. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the Sheriff contract was on the table for discussion. He stated that the wording had been changed to remove the statement of funding "two" deputies' salaries. He stated that the flat rate of \$50,000.00 was what the city had budgeted for the upcoming 2021-2022 budget. After much discussion of agreeing to the contract as written or using the money to help fund the city police, it was the consensus of the council to agree to the contract now and do more research on the city police at a later time.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the Delta County Sheriff 2021-2022 contract as written. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the Delta County Appraisal District Budget. Allen Foster made the motion to approve the Delta County Appraisal District Budget as presented. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the audit engagement letter from McClanahan and Holmes. It was the consensus of the council to approve the audit engagement letter but asked Darren to research a less costly firm for the future.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the McClanahan and Holmes audit engagement letter for the 2020-2021 audit. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the hydrographic study for Jim Chapman (Cooper Lake) interlocal agreement between North Texas Municipal Water District, City of Irving, City of Sulphur Springs, Upper Trinity Regional Water District and the Sulphur River Basin Authority was on the table for discussion. Darren stated that the city's part would be \$488.00 which would possibly be split with Delta County MUD.

David Phillips made the motion to agree to the interlocal agreement as presented. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the previously named Frankie McKinney Foundation name needed to be changed. Judy Falls, Tiesha Wady and Rachel Darden agreed that Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance would be a suitable name.

Diane Stegall made the motion to change the previous Frankie McKinney Foundation to Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the application to request funds from the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance fund by the Cooper High School Jazz Band, approved by the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance Board.

David Phillips made the motion to approve the request of \$300.00 for the Cooper High School Jazz Band for the upcoming event scheduled for September 18, 2021. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the application to request funds from the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance fund by the Delta County Cotton Harvest Festival, approved by the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance Board.

Allen Foster made the motion to approve the request of \$1500.00 for the Delta County Cotton Harvest Festival for the upcoming event scheduled for September 25, 2021. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that it was again time to nominate a candidate for the Delta County Appraisal District Board for a two-year term. Allen Foster nominated Amanda L'Esperance to remain on that board by resolution #01-09-21 read by Mayor Darren Braddy. Amanda L'Esperance

seconded. Amanda was nominated by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. Diane Stegall had left the meeting in person and was in the process of logging into Zoom therefore she did not vote on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that an interlocal agreement with Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) was at hand. Darren stated that TIPS would improve the procurement process and assist in achieving the best value of items that needed to be purchased.

David Phillips made the motion to read resolution #02-09-21 in its entirety. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous. Darren read resolution #02-09-21.

Allen Foster made the motion to approve resolution #02-09-21 entering into an interlocal agreement with TIPS. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Allen Foster made the motion to table the TPWD sewer contract until a new contract was obtained. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on streets, ditch digging, and house demolitions scheduled.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Monthly budget reports were discussed.

AGENDA ITEM #17

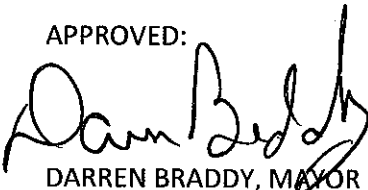
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #18

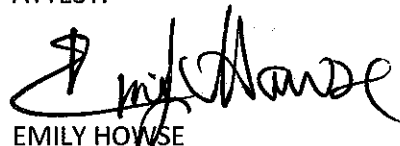
Amanda L'Esperance made the motion to adjourn. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 6:26 PM

APPROVED:


DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:


EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY