

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
APRIL 8, 2019 – 5:00 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: LEIGH THOMPSON SAT IN FOR JAY GARRETT, WHO WAS ABSENT

OTHERS: EMILY HOWSE, HERB BROOKSHIRE, GAYLAND WOOD, AMANDA L’ESPERANCE, JOE ADAMS, JESSICA TINGLE, PATRICK WILLIAMS, ROSCO WILLIAMS, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER, SHERRY CROUCH, JAMES MAURER, JENNIFER DWYER, SAWYER WRIGHT, TYLER KNICKERBOCKER, JIM BUTLER, LYNNE MORRIS, CAROL CROUCH, KIM COX, AND PATRICIA CROUCH.

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

E. J. Cates made the motion to approve the March 11, 2019 minutes as written. Donna Thomason seconded. David Phillips and Allen Foster abstained due to their absence at that meeting. Vote carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3

The resolution 01-04-19 denial for application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for distribution cost recovery factor was tabled until the May 13, 2019 due to lack of proper documents.

AGENDA ITEM #4

The item of awarding administrative services for the TDA FAST (Fire, Ambulance and Services Truck Fund) Grant was on the table for discussion. This grant will benefit the Cooper Volunteer Fire Department by providing much needed updated equipment. Resource Management and Consulting Co. was the only applicant. Past history, using Resource Management and Consulting Co., has proved to be very successful. Willie “Bear” Wilkins made the motion to award administrative services for the TDA FAST Fund Grant to Resource Management and Consulting Co. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) had installed lighting on the Pagoda. He stated that the EDC also wanted to install a speaker system. Mayor Braddy stated that the EDC would absorb the entire cost of these projects. Donna Thomason made the motion to allow the EDC to make the upgrades, at the expense of the EDC, to the Pagoda. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Patrick Williams and Jessica Tingle were present to try to get the mobile home ordinance #1503/#05-11-04 amended. It was their desire to remove the property owner signature restriction and change the manufactured home restriction. He presented documentation from the manufactured home company stating that this home would have a pier and beam foundation and hardie board siding. Patrick stated that the ordinance did not pertain to him but he continued with the process set forth by the ordinance. He presented that they had all but two signatures of the property owners within 200 feet of their property. One was deceased and one refused to sign. In their opinion, this was not fair.

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that the ordinance in place now gives property owners the right to allow or disallow what is placed next to their property. Mayor Braddy stated that it was up to the council to determine what, if any, changes need to be made to the ordinance. Mayor Braddy also stated that the council should consider the ramifications that could result from the "one hold out signature" if amendments are made.

Herb Brookshire, Gayland Wood, Jim Maurer, and Amanda L'Esperance all had statements which suggested changes needed to be made to the ordinance. Attorney Leigh Thompson suggested several options for changes that included leaving the signature restriction but allowing an appeal for council intervention if a certain percentage of signatures could not be obtained, and restrictions on building materials used in the construction.

Jessica Tingle asked if a variance could be done to override the one non signature. Attorney Leigh Thompson stated that a variance could not be done at this time because this was not on the agenda.

After much discussion on this item, it was the consensus of the council to obtain more information.

The council moved on from this item with no action. Attorney Leigh Thompson suggested that action need to be taken, therefore it was revisited with action as follows:

Allen Foster made the motion to instruct City Attorney Jay Garrett to prepare an amended version of the mobile home ordinance. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that, as previously discussed, the item to provide enticements for AWP (Area Wide Protection) to relocate to Cooper was at hand to discuss. Darren stated that the options of no cost for water and sewer taps (\$1500.00 for both) and no charge for water/sewer/garbage monthly bill (minimum \$115.04 X 12 = \$1380.48) for a year was the only viable option. Donna Thomason made the motion to waive the water and sewer taps of \$1500.00- and one-year free water/sewer/garbage to entice AWP to relocate to Cooper. E. J. Cates seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren gave an update on all of the maintenance projects.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Monthly Budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #10

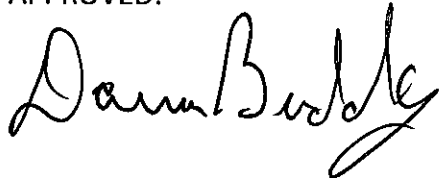
David Phillips made the motion to approve accounts payable. Willie "Bear" Wilkins seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

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

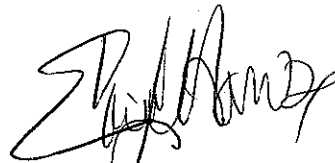
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY