

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
JANUARY 13, 2025 – 5:30 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, SCOTTY DEATHERAGE, LINDA BARNES, DIANE STEGALL AND JOSH HOSKISON

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS: EMILY HOWSE, CAROLYN BIGGERS-ROBERTS, TINA RAINEY, BRENDA PEREZ, TANNER CRUTCHER AND DENISE MILLER

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the December 9, 2024 public hearing and regular meeting minutes as presented. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

David Phillips made the motion to read Ordinance #01-01-25, annexing the 63.919 acres of land Delta County Appraisal District Property ID#11741, by caption. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #01-01-25

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY AND TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COOPER TO INCLUDE AND EMBRACE SAID TERRITORY WHICH IS ADJACENT TO AND CONTIGUOUS WITH THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COOPER AND IS NOT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ANY OTHER CITY AND LIES SOLELY WITHIN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER: SAID TERRITORY BEING HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN SECTION 1 OF THIS ORDINANCE: PRESCRIBING THE VOTING PRECINCTS FOR THE INHABITANTS WITHIN SAID ANNEXED PROPERTY AND TERRITORY: PLACING SUCH INHABITANTS ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH PRESENT INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF COOPER: PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Linda Barnes made the motion to approve Ordinance #01-01-25, annexing the 63.919 acres of land Delta County Appraisal District ID #11741. Diane Stegall seconded. Josh Hoskison abstained from voting. Vote to annex carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Diane Stegall made the motion to read Ordinance #02-01-25, annexing the 5.98 acres of land Delta County Appraisal District Property ID #1213, by caption. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE # 02-01-25

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY AND TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COOPER TO INCLUDE AND EMBRACE SAID TERRITORY WHICH IS ADJACENT TO AND CONTIGUOUS WITH THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COOPER AND IS NOT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ANY OTHER CITY AND LIES SOLELY WITHIN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER: SAID TERRITORY BEING HERINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN SECTION 1 OF THIS ORDINANCE: PRESCRIBING THE VOTING PRECINCTS FOR THE INHABITANTS WITHIN SAID ANNEXED PROPERTY AND TERRITORY: PLACING SUCH INHABITANTS ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH PRESENT INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF COOPER: PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve Ordinance #02-01-25, annexing the 5.98 acres Delta County Property ID #1213. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the newly annexed property, Delta County Appraisal District Property ID #11741, needed to be zoned. Mayor Braddy stated that dual zoning of Residential (R-1) and Light Commercial (LC) was discussed due to the location on State Hwy 24. It was the consensus of the council to table this until a plat was created and more details of what would be put here could be obtained.

Diane Stegall made the motion to table this item until a plat is created and definite details of what will be put here is determined. David Phillips seconded. Josh Hoskison abstained. Vote to table carried.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the newly annexed property, Delta County Appraisal District Property ID #1213, needed to be zoned. Mayor Braddy stated that this property was also on State Hwy 24 and that dual zoning of R1 and LC was considered, just like the previously discussed property. This property has not yet been platted either. It was the consensus of the council to allow this property to be dual zoned R-1 and LC.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Ordinance #04-01-25, zoning Delta County Appraisal District Property ID #1231 as Residential R-1 and Light Commercial (LC). Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #04-01-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, COOPER, TEXAS, REGARDING ZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT SS HWY 24, COOPER, TEXAS AS DUAL R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND LC (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Ordinance #04-01-25 dual zoning Delta County Property ID #1213 to R-1 and LC. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren presented to the council Ordinance #05-01-25 detailing the previously approved development incentive of ½ price water and sewer tap fees for 1061 S.E. 2nd. Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Ordinance #05-01-25 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #05-01-25

AN ORDINANCE FOR A DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR 1061 S.E. 2ND DCAD PROPERTY ID# 6498, BEING OWNED BY VEITUS WILSON; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A PENALTY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER JANUARY 13, 2025.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Ordinance #05-01-25 detailing the previously approved development incentive of ½ price water and sewer tap fees for 1061 S.E. 2nd. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Ordinance #06-01-25 detailing requirements to be eligible for development incentives. Mayor Braddy stated that this ordinance states a developer must agree to build three structures within a one-year time frame and show progress within six months from the date of authorization, in order to receive the 50% reduction in water and sewer taps, if requested by the developer. If the progress does not proceed as stated in the ordinance, then the developer will be disqualified from receiving the incentive and be required to pay full price of the water and sewer tap fees. Diane Stegall made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett to read by caption. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous. City attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #06-01-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, COOPER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS.

David Phillips made the motion to approve Ordinance #06-01-25 detailing requirements to be eligible for development incentives. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that the owners of Delta County Appraisal District Property ID #1161 341 W. Waco wished to rezone from R-1 Residential to R-3 Multi Family in order to build a duplex or possibly a four plex. Josh Hoskison asked if there had to be a public hearing before this action could be done. It was stated that a public hearing was not needed. David Phillips made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read Ordinance #07-01-25 authorizing 341 W. Waco, Delta County Appraisal District Property ID #1161 to be re-zoned from R-1 Residential to R-3 Residential Multi Family. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE #07-01-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, COOPER, TEXAS, REGARDING RE-ZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT

341 W. WACO, COOPER, TEXAS, FROM R1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve Ordinance #07-01-25 authorizing 341 W. Waco, Delta County Property ID #1161 to be re-zoned from R-1 Residential to R-3 Residential Multi Family. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

** Note on this item: Notification to the surrounding property owners within 200 feet must be sent stating the desired zoning change and the date of the public hearing that will be held at the next council meeting. This notice must be sent and published sixteen days before the public hearing. Therefore, this ordinance can't be official until this action is complete. **

AGENDA ITEM #11

Linda Barnes made the motion to accept the resignation letter of Cynthia Steward from the Cooper Housing Authority Board. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Josh Hoskison made the motion to appoint Carolyn Biggers-Roberts to fill the unexpired term, vacated by the resignation of Cynthia Steward, to the Cooper Housing Authority Board to expire January 2026. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Josh Hoskison made the motion to re-appoint Charlie Steward and Bill Martin to the Cooper Housing Authority Board for a two-year term to expire January 2027. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Josh Hoskison made the motion to re-appoint Cynthia Steward, Dean Johnson and Ronny Gonzales to the Planning & Zoning Board for a four-year term expiring February 2029. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Josh Hoskison made the motion to table the item of accepting the resignation letter of Denise Braddy from the Sulphur River Municipal Water District Board until an eligible candidate could be found. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Josh Hoskison made the motion to table the item of appointing Judy Thompson to the Sulphur River Municipal Water District Board due to the fact that the appointee must reside in the city limits of Cooper and be a tax payer in the city limits. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #17

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Tanner Crutcher to present the proposed personnel policy for the full-time fire positions funded by FEMA SAFER GRANT EMW-2023-FF-02078. Tanner stated that the city already had a personnel policy in place but fire regular time and overtime were calculated differently which would be on a 28 day pay cycle. Tanner stated that this policy was in compliance with FLSA requirements and would be an exhibit to the existing City of Cooper Personnel Policy specifically for fire personnel.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the personnel policy specific to the full-time fire personnel that were hired due to the award of the FEMA SAFER GRANT EMW-2023-FF-0278 as presented. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #18

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Tina Rainey, who was present to represent the Delta County Public Library, to request funds from the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance. Tina stated that she had been in contact with "Pair of Pirates", a performing group, to present a summer reading program "Color our World". Tina stated that they perform song and dance. Tina stated that this program supports reading skills, team spirit and solid family behavior. Tina stated that this program would cost \$550.00 and the group was waiving the travel fee due to the small size of this town and library. Judy Falls was not present, but she has a request for funds from the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance for another PJC child's play to be presented at a date to be determined. The cost for this request is \$2,500.00.

It was the consensus of the council to approve both requests.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve "Pair of Pirates" in the amount of \$550.00 and approve "PJC Children's Play" in the amount of \$2,500.00 request of funds from the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #19

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the weather-related issues, the estimated cost of \$18,000.00 for labor only to replace the line on S.E. 2nd Street and put a valve on each side of Dallas Street at S.E. 2nd and N.E. 2nd, and work orders for December 2024 and Year end work orders.

AGENDA ITEM #20

Monthly Budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #21

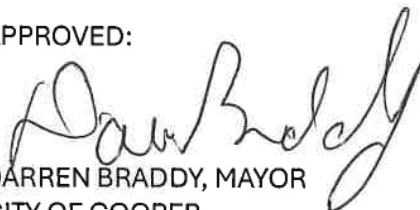
Accounts paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #22

Josh Hoskison made the motion to adjourn. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 6:50 PM

APPROVED:


DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:


EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY