

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2025 – 5:30 PM

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

CIYT ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER, KATY HURST, RICHARD HURST, TREY OATS, AND ASHLEY COLVIN

AGENDA ITEM #1

Darren Braddy opened the first public hearing on the annexation of 420 FM 1528 at 5:00 PM. Darren Braddy stated that this property was recently purchased by Cooper Independent School District (CISD) and CISD desired to annex into the city. There were no comments on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Darren Braddy closed the public hearing at 5:31 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #3

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

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy asked for public comments on the regular agenda items. There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the September 8, 2025 minutes as presented. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Linda Barnes made the motion to publish the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing for the annexation of 420 FM 1528. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Josh Hoskison made the motion to nominate Scotty Deatherage for a position on the Delta County Appraisal District (DCAD) Board and giving him all of the 495 votes for the City of Cooper. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #01-10-25 in its entirety. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read Resolution #01-10-25 nominating Scotty Deatherage to the DCAD Board for a two-year term effective October 14, 2025.

David Phillips made the motion to approve Resolution #01-10-25 nominating Scotty Deatherage to the DCAD Board for a two-year term. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #8**

Linda Barnes made the motion to appoint Josh Hoskison to the Chapter 391 Commission Board. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #9**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the audit engagement letter from Mike Ward Accounting and Financial Consulting, PLCC. Mayor Braddy stated that the cost was the same as last year, which was \$12,000.00 and \$3,000.00 if a single audit was necessary.

Linda Barnes made the motion to approve the audit engagement letter presented by Mike Ward Accounting and Financial Consulting, PLCC. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #10**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the old emergency siren was no longer operable and has been replaced with a new one. Mayor Braddy stated that the Delta County Museum wished to take the old siren and place it in the museum. Mayor Braddy congratulated Richard and Katy Hurst for the acceptance of this siren and the upkeep and visual appeal of the Delta County Museum.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #02-10-25 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

**RESOLUTION #02-10-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF THE OLD EMERGENCY SIREN TO THE DELTA COUNTY MUSEUM.**

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve Resolution #02-10-25 authorizing the donation of the old emergency siren to the Delta County Museum. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #11**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that an executive session was at hand to discuss the real property situation and Trey Oats litigation.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to recess into executive session in accordance with VTCA Government Code Chapter 551.072-Deliberations regarding real property and Oats litigation. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. 5:43 PM

**AGENDA ITEM #12**

David Phillips made the motion to reconvene into regular session in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

Linda Barnes made the motion to stand by the previous council's desire to request the removal of the structure that was inadvertently placed on city property by Trey Oats. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Braddy presented to the council that Lisa Sprague has requested \$474.94 reimbursement for ribbons purchased for the Delta County Cotton Harvest Festival. Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the reimbursement to Lisa Sprague in the amount of \$474.94 of which was approved by Judy Falls and verbally by Rachel Darden and Tiesha Wady. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on water leaks. Mayor Braddy also updated the council on a Facebook post that was posted by Texas Representative, Shelley Luther – District 62. Mayor Braddy stated that the post insinuated that the City of Cooper was possibly out of compliance with the time frame of the annual audit and the increase of the tax rate above the effective rate. Mayor Braddy stated that the City of Cooper did not go above the effective rate, therefore the city was in compliance according to the tax rate that was approved. Emily Howse stated that the audit was late due to circumstances out of the city's control. Mayor Braddy reiterated that yes, the audit was late but not out of compliance with the tax rate approval as stated as "possibly" from Texas Representative, Shelley Luther – District 62. Mayor Braddy stated that he commented on this post, which he normally does not do, that it was shameful that Texas Representative, Shelley Luther District – 62 did not do her research and reach out to the City of Cooper for facts before posting "possibly out of compliance". The post was updated to state that the City of Cooper was only out of compliance because the audit was late.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #16

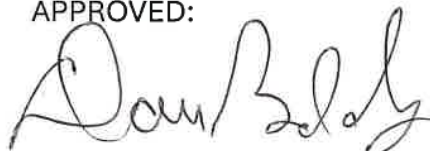
Invoices paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #17

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

TIME: 6:18 pm

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



LESLIE BLANKENSHIP  
CITY CLERK