

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR  
APRIL 13, 2026 – 5:30 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT – ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, JOHN MCELFISH WITH GRANTWORKS AND MICHAEL VIA ZOOM

AGENDA ITEM #1

Mayor Darren Braddy 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 March 9, 2026 minutes as presented. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced John McElfish with GrantWorks to discuss the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Water Supply & Infrastructure Grant (WSIG). John thanked the council for allowing him to speak. John stated that House Bill 500 from the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session appropriated 500 billion dollars for water supply and or water infrastructure projects. John stated that this grant is a 100% funded by Federal Funds and there is zero (0) city match. It consists of water supply or water infrastructure projects only. John stated that there are specific requirements that have to be in place in order to apply for this grant. John stated that this is an extremely competitive grant, but the City of Cooper was in a great position to qualify for this grant. John stated that this grant could linger for a period of five years so it would be a good idea to implement a broad procurement in order to allow future solicitations without returning to council for each one. It was the consensus of the council to authorize the procurement process for Request For Proposals (RFP) for Administration and Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering for the TWDB WSIG Grant.

Diane Stegall made the motion to authorize the City of Cooper to solicit requests for proposals (RFP'S) for Grant Administrative Services and requests for qualifications (RFQ'S) for engineering services for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Program administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy again presented the item of appointing a member to the Cooper Housing Authority Board. The council wanted to research further into the requirements of the board before they made a decision. Emily Howse stated that there were by-laws for the Cooper Housing Authority. It was the consensus of the council to table this item. Scotty Deatherage made the motion to table the appointment of a board member for the Cooper Housing Authority until further research was done. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that there were no requests for Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance funds. The council then discussed the need to get repairs done on the McKinney House or sell the house. After much discussion on this matter, Diane Stegall stated that she would meet with Darren and Josh Hoskison, at a date to be later determined, to walk through and see what necessary repairs might be needed.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on water leaks and Atmos Energy repairs.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #9

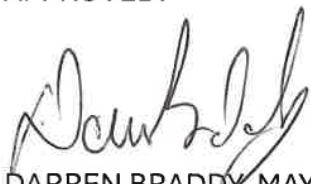
Accounts paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Josh Hoskison made the motion to adjourn. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 6:32 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY