

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024 5:30 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADDY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, SCOTTY DEATHERAGE IN AT 6:04 PM, LINDA BARNES, DIANE STEGALL AND JOSH HOSKISON

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, DEVONE BOWER MORRIS, DAVID MIMS, ARIANE BURKES VIA PHONE, CHARLES EDWARDS AND KENNETH APPLGATE

AGENDA ITEM #1

Darren Braddy opened the public hearing to hear comments on the close out of the TXCDBG CDV21-0376 grant which was for street repairs and sidewalk addition on S.W. 8th Street. There were no comments on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Darren Braddy then presented the public hearing to hear comments on the update to the water conservation/drought contingency plan, prepared by Hayter Engineering, that must be updated every 5 years. There were no comments on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Darren Braddy closed the public hearing at 5:32 PM.

Agenda Item #4

Mayor Darren Braddy opened the regular meeting and Darren also voiced the prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy asked for public comments on the agenda items. No comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #6

David Phillips made the motion to approve the March 11, 2024 minutes as written. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Ariane Burks, with McClanahan and Holmes, LLP Certified Public Accountants, to present the 2023 Annual Audit. Ariane reviewed and explained the audit in detail. She stated that the city had to have a single audit in addition to the regular audit due to Federal expenditures in excess of \$750,000.00 which was \$12,365.00 over the limit. Ariane stated that the only findings were the limited segregation of duties, which is normal for the size of the city. The recommendation of the audit was for the City Council to keep close oversight of operations. Ariane stated that, overall, the audit was a clean audit and no difficulties with management were detected.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the audit, for the period ending September 30, 2023, as presented. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the contract for animal control with North Texas Animal Control Authority (NTACA), which was presented at the previous meeting, but was tabled for further research. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that he had contacted the City of Cumby, of which has a contract with NTACA. Mayor Braddy stated that Cumby's contract is in the new stages and not much information was obtainable at this time, so far Cumby was pleased with the service. Mayor Braddy stated that Kerry Payne, owner/officer of NTACA, had contacted Mayor Braddy to inform him of some negative comments that were circulating regarding the NTACA shelter actions and he wanted the City of Cooper to be aware of the comments before they agreed to the contract. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that negative comments circulate everywhere, but things should be approved or disapproved on facts and not someone's opinion.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the contract with North Texas Animal Control Authority as presented. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the item of Resolution #01-04-24 selecting administration/project delivery services/construction management service provider(s) to complete project implementation for the homeowner reconstruction assistance program through the home investment partnerships program fund from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Mayor Braddy stated that Charles Edwards, with GrantWorks was present for questions or comments on this item. Mayor Braddy stated that this is a continuation of the grant which enables qualifying people to demolish homes that are in dilapidated status and build new structures that are up to building code standards. Mayor Braddy stated that GrantWorks was the only company to send in proposal of which was requested by email and newspaper publication solicitation. It was the consensus of the council to approve hire GrantWorks to administer project delivery services and construction management for TDHCA HRA Grant Programs. Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #01-04-24 by caption. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

RESOLUTION #01-04-24

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF COOPER TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS FOR THE HOMEOWNER RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUND FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA).

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Resolution #01-04-24 authorizing the award of professional service provider contracts for the HOMEOWNER RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Fund from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to GrantWorks. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Rosco Williams had contacted him to ask for a discount incentive on water and sewer taps for new construction on possibly two new homes. The council stated that they would consider the discount incentive if definite plans were presented but this item should be tabled until further details could be obtained.

David Phillips made the motion to table this item until further details could be obtained. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGNED AITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Ricardo Ramirez wished to replat Delta County Appraisal District (DCAD) Property ID # 5411 in order to build two new homes. Mayor Braddy stated that he had met with Planning & Zoning and they had approved the replat.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the replat of DCAD Property ID #5411. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the McKinney House repairs and inside repairs needed.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on street repairs to be done with ARPA Funds. He stated that the weather was hindering the start of this project. Mayor Braddy also stated that old steel water lines in the area of the streets being repaired would need to be replaced before construction could begin, therefore, the street repairs would begin in areas where there were no water lines to be replaced. Mayor Braddy updated the council on equipment training that the employees will receive from Mike Gibson, and pothole repairs.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #15

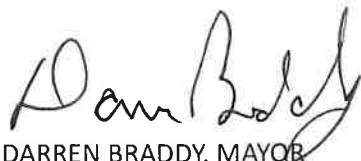
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Josh Hoskison made the motion to adjourn. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

TIME: 6:37 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY