

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2026

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

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY: CAMERON LENAHA

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, SUSAN RASER AND MICHAEL MILLER VIA ZOOM

AGENDA ITEM #1

Darren Braddy opened the public hearing, at 5:30 pm, to discuss the proposed 2026 tax rate. Darren stated that the effective rate was 0.591992 for maintenance and operation and 0.022406 for the debt rate for a total proposed tax rate of 0.614398. Darren stated that the city could go above or below the effective tax rate. Darren explained that the effective rate would produce the same amount of money as the previous year.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Darren Braddy closed the public hearing at 5:33 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. Susan Raser stated that she may have questions further into the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5

David Phillips made the motion to approve the July 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes and the July 29, 2026 budget work session minutes as presented. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the item of setting the proposed 2026 tax rate that would be published. Mayor Braddy stated that the proposed tax rate had to be published for ten business days before the council could vote on it. Emily Howse stated that the proposed tax rate would not be published until August 20, 2026 due to news paper timelines. Linda Barnes made the motion to approve the effective rate of 0.591992 for maintenance and operation and 0.022406 for the debt rate for a total proposed 2026 tax rate of 0.614398 and to set the meeting date to vote on this as September 2, 2026 at 5:00 pm. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. Voting For: David Phillips, Scotty Deatherage and Linda Barnes. No votes against. Absent: Diane Stegall and Josh Hoskison.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the draft budget that was presented to the council in the July 29, 2026 budget work session meeting. Mayor Braddy reminded the council that he has asked them to go through the budget that was presented at the work session and let Emily know what changes that they might propose. Emily stated that there had been no changes presented. It was the consensus of the council to table this item. Scotty Deatherage made the motion to table the budget discussion. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren again presented the animal control contract for discussion. It was the consensus of the council that the cost of the contract and the number of animals being taken care of was not cost effective. Emily Howse stated that the contract expired in April 2027 and if terminated, there would have to be a three-month notification and the city would have to pay for those months.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to terminate the contract with Nort Texas Animal Control Authority. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Ordinance #01-08-26 increasing water and sewer rates. Scotty Deatherage made the motion to read Ordinance #01-08-26 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. Deputy City Attorney, Cameron Lenahan, read:

ORDINANCE #01-08-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION I - GENERAL, SUBSECTION 2 APPLICATION AND FEE FOR WATER AND SEWER TAPS, (a) STANDARD TAP FEE AND (NO CHANGE TO TAP FEES) SECTION II – SERVICE CHARGES, SUBSECTION 2 WATER RATES, (a), (b), AND SECTION III – SEWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS USING CITY WATER, (a 1), WHICH REGULATES WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AND ESTABLISHES WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

David Phillips made the motion to approve Ordinance #01-08-26 increasing the water and sewer rates. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Resolution #01-08-26 increasing commercial and residential garbage rates. Linda Barnes made the motion to read Resolution #01-08-26 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. Deputy City Attorney, Cameron Lenahan read:

RESOLUTION # 01-08-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS ESTABLISHING THE GARBAGE RATES TO REFLECT THE 8.07% CPI INCREASE PASSED THROUGH BY SANITATION SOLUTIONS IN ADDITION TO CITY 10% ABOVE SANITATION SOLUTIONS CHARGES TO BE CHARGED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve Resolution #01-08-26 increasing the commercial and residential garbage rates. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Resolution #02-08-26 increasing the dumpsite rates. David Phillips made the motion to read resolution #02-08-26 by caption. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. Deputy City Attorney, Cameron Lenahan, read:

RESOLUTION #02-08-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, COOPER, TEXAS, INCREASING THE DUMPSITE RATES FOR SERVICE HAULS AND SELF SERVE HAULS TO THE DUMPSITE COST WILL BE FIGURED BY A MEASUREMENT AND CALCULATION AND CHARGES WILL BE CALCULATED AT \$19.00 PER CUBIC YARD.

David Phillips made the motion to approve Resolution #02-08-26 increasing the dumpsite rates. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the interlocal agreement with the City, Delta County and Delta County MUD, for the joint funding of the match portion of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for installing a generator at the Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Braddy stated that this agreement was approved at the July meeting but some details needed to be changed. Emily Howse stated that the previous agreement stated thirty days to reimburse or as otherwise agreed. Tanner Crutcher contacted Emily stating that it would be a good idea to state the actual term which would allow the parties to reimburse their portion the city within five years.

Linda Barnes made the motion to approve the change to the interlocal agreement. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Darren Braddy presented Resolution #03-08-26 authorizing the interlocal agreement between the City, County and Delta County MUD for the joint funding of the match portion of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for installing a generator at the Water Treatment Plant. Scotty Deatherage made the motion to read Resolution #03-08-26 by caption. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous. Deputy City Attorney, Cameron Lenahan, read:

RESOLUTION #03-08-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, REPEALING RESOLUTION #04-07-26, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COOPER, AND DELTA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT ("MUD"), AND DELTA COUNTY (COUNTY) REGARDING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE NON-FEDERAL COST SHARE (LOCAL MATCH) FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP); FINDING THAT THE AGREEMENT SERVES A PUBLIC PURPOSE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Linda Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution #03-08-26 authorizing the interlocal agreement with the City, Delta County and Delta County MUD. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Mayor Darren Braddy presented Ordinance #02-08-26 approving a re-plat that had previously been approved in May 2026 but had never been officially filed at the clerk's office. Mayor Braddy stated that this re-plat split the property into two equal tracts. David Phillips made the motion to read Ordinance #02-08-26 by caption. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. Deputy City Attorney, Cameron Lenahan, read:

ORDINANCE #02-08-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE #01-05-26, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR REPLAT OF DELTA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY ID #6742 AND #6745 BEING PART OF LOT 9R, WESTOWN SOUTH ADDITION, PHASE 3.

David Phillips made the motion to approve Ordinance #02-08-26 authorizing the replat of DCAD Property ID #'s 6742 and 6745. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the annual tax collection contract with Delta County Tax Office. Emily Howse stated that the contract amount was slightly lower than the previous year and the cost was stated as \$5,413.31 and would be paid quarterly. Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve the tax collection contract with Delta County Tax Office. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the request for funds for the cleaning of the Frankie McKinney House in the amount of up to \$500.00. Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve the request of up to \$500.00 for cleaning the Frankie McKinney House. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #17

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the water leaks, sewer issues and street repair issues.

AGENDA ITEM #18

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #19

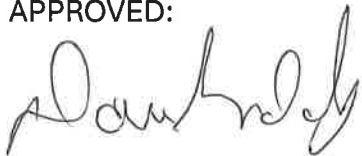
Accounts paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #20

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Linda Barnes seconced. Vote unanimous.

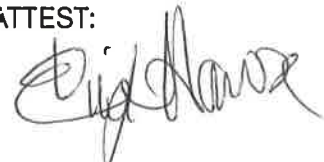
TIME: 6:37 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY