

CITY OF COOPER  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 09, 2024 – 4:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDEES: DARREN BRADY, JOSH HOSKISON, DAVID PHILLIPS, LINDA BARNES, SCOTTY DEATHERAGE, JAY GARRETT AND EMILY HOWSE

AGENDA ITEM #1

Darren Braddy opened the public hearing for the annexation of DCAD Property ID #11741 owned by Trophy Recreational Properties, LLC, 63.919 acres of land in the Elender Spencer Survey, A-307, Delta County Texas. Darren stated that the owners of this property wished to plat it into 13 lots. Darren stated that the plat design would not require any city streets to be constructed as each lot would have access from W. Kaufman or State Hwy 24. Darren asked for input from the attendees. The public hearing for this property was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDEES: DARREN BRADY, JOSH HOSKISON, DAVID PHILLIPS, LINDA BARNES, SCOTTY DEATHERAGE, JAY GARRETT AND EMILY HOWSE

The attendees proceeded on to the next location for the annexation of DCAD Property ID #1213 owned by Landon and Karlee Brandenburgh, 5.98 acres of land in the James Anderson Survey, Abstract 3, Delta County Texas. Darren stated that the owners of this property wished to build a residential home. Darren asked for input from the attendees.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Darren Braddy closed the public hearing on the two annexations at 4:35 PM.

REGULAR MEETING – 5:00 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, BRENDA PEREZ, LUCAS HAMRICK, JUDY THOMPSON, DANNIE PHILLIPS, KAREN ATKINS AND SUSAN RASER ARRIVED AT 5:15 pm

AGENDA ITEM #3

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

AGENDA ITEM #4

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

AGENDA ITEM #5

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the November 12, 2024 minutes as written. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council an interlocal agreement with the Sulphur Springs Fire Department, Hopkins County Fire Department, City of Cooper, and the Fire Departments of Delta County. Mayor Braddy stated that this agreement would allow the purchasing of equipment through the Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant and each entity will be responsible for the payment of each entities percent of equipment that was awarded.

Mayor Braddy stated that there is no cost incurred at this time.

Diane Stegall made the motion to enter into this interlocal agreement with Sulphur Springs Fire Department, Hopkins County Fire Department, City of Cooper, and the Fire Departments of Delta County for purchasing equipment through the Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant when awarded. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Judy Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer of the steering committee composed of Hopkins and Delta County, to discuss Resolution #01-12-24 addressing the desire for TXDOT to place signage promoting Cooper Lake (Jim Chapman Lake). Below is her letter addressing this matter:

"Greetings Mayor, Mayor ProTem, Councilmen and Councilwomen, I am secretary/treasurer of the steering committee composed of Hopkins and Delta County elected officials and other leaders, which was formed to promote the 20,000 acre lake that covers a large portion of Northern Hopkins and Southern Delta Counties, and which reaches almost to the city limits of Cooper, Texas. am asking you to join with our committee, the Delta and Hopkins County Commissioners Courts, the Tira City Council and the Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation to support and encourage the Texas Department of Transportation to undertake a study and development of a plan to identify, locate and install appropriate signage on and along the public roads of Texas that will give all travelers the information and direction to the United States Army Corps of Engineers' lake that we have in our backyard. At present the only highway signage is for our State Park. Not one sign regarding the Lake exists anywhere on Texas public roadways. Representing the committee over the last 20 months, | have had the privilege to attend numerous meetings and correspond with the USACE, the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Parks and Wildlife in an effort to coordinate with these agencies for the purpose of determining how we can best benefit our region and communities by utilizing this tremendous resource. | us am convinced that these National and State agencies are willing to help with this endeavor in order to benefit our area. The USACE has already revised and adopted the 25-year Master Plan regarding their lake in order to give us, the stakeholders, more opportunities for growth and development. The potential is tremendous. So today | am asking that you endorse the attached Resolution which will provide much needed advertisement, giving information and direction to future travelers who will come to our area. This promotion comes at no cost to the surrounding cities or counties or individual tax payers. | thank you for adding this item to your agenda for the December 9th meeting. Sincerely, Judy Thompson"

Josh Hoskison made the motion for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to read the entire Resolution #01-12-24. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

Resolution #01-12-24  
Jim Chapman Lake Highway Signage

WHEREAS, Cooper and Delta County, Texas are home to Jim Chapman Lake, one of the largest lakes in TEXAS which is located on the South Sulphur River adjoining Delta and Hopkins Counties, and of

WHEREAS, the federal government has invested over \$200 million in this United States Army Corps Engineers project which provides fresh water, flood control to down river landowners, and recreation to thousands of Texans, and

WHEREAS, there is not a single sign on any public highway in Texas that names, identifies, locates, or gives direction to this 19,000-acre resource, and

WHEREAS, the entire region would greatly benefit from appropriate signage which would recognize and support the lake and cities, counties, and surrounding businesses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Cooper supports and encourages the Texas Department of Transportation to undertake a study and development of a plan to identify, locate, and install appropriate signage on and along the public roads of Texas that will give travelers the information and direction that will promote this tremendous asset and direct travelers to its parks and other amenities, and to the extent appropriate, do so in coordination with other Texas agencies, counties, cities, and community stakeholders consistent with the goal of promoting Delta County and the adjoining region to the benefit of our communities, counties, and future visitors to and residents of the Great State of Texas.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular council meeting, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

Linda Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution #01-12-24. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #8**

There were no requests for funds from the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance.

**AGENDA ITEM #9**

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on water leaks, sewer issues and the animal control situation.

**AGENDA ITEM #10**

Monthly budget reports were reviewed. Emily Howse stated that the reports were not complete due to the fact of a Tax Office new system error that has not been resolved.

**AGENDA ITEM #11**

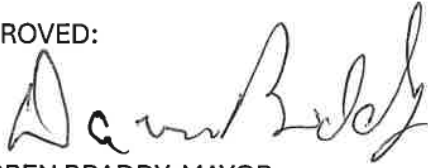
Accounts payable were reviewed.

**AGENDA ITEM #12**

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

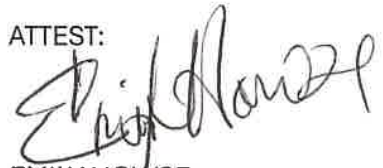
TIME: 5:22 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY