

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET WORK SESSION
JULY 29, 2026 – 5:00 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT – ABSENT

OTHERS: EMILY HOWSE

AGENDA ITEM #1

Mayor Darren Braddy called the budget work session to order and Darren also voiced the prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Mayor Darren Braddy went over the cost increase in the employee insurance, water rates, sewer rates, garbage rates and dumpsite rates. Josh Hoskison stated his concern regarding the failing streets and that all money available should be directed to the street fund. Diane Stegall stated the lack of street and ditch maintenance and the lack of knowledge regarding the operation of equipment. Diane Stegall stated that she wanted a plan for repair, development and maintenance. Linda Barnes had concerns regarding salaries. Mayor Darren Braddy asked the council to review the proposed budget and show where the funds needed to be re-directed.

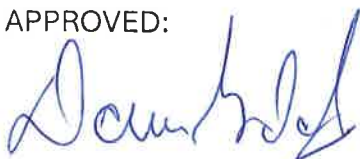
Mayor Braddy also told the council that the budget needed to be agreed upon before September 2, because he was going to be out of town and Dawn Moody, Tax Assessor-Collector, requested the tax rate be voted on and in place by September 11, 2026. Mayor Braddy also stated that the tax rate could be approved by September 11, but the budget did not have to be approved until September 30, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM #3

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

TIME: 5:56 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY