

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 8, 2024

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, CAROLYN BIGGERS ROBERTS, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER,  
LUANN CRAWFORD, CHARLES EDWARDS AND BRENDA PEREZ

AGENDA ITEM #1

Darren Braddy opened the public hearing to discuss the submission of a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Small Community Grant Program. There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Darren Braddy closed the public hearing regarding the submission of an application to the TPWD Small Community Grant Program at 5:31 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #3

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

AGENDA ITEM #4

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

AGENDA ITEM #5

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes as presented. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy read the Proclamation declaring August 4-10-2024 as National Health Center Week. Mayor Braddy then presented the Proclamation to Luann Crawford who was representing Carevide Community Health Centers.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy stated that the action of approving Resolution #01-07-24 authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Small Community Grant Program was at hand. Mayor Braddy introduced Charles Edwards, with GrantWorks, to discuss this grant. Charles Edwards thanked the council for allowing him to speak. Charles stated that this grant was supported by tax dollars collected from sporting good sales in the State of Texas.

Charles stated that the grant would be a 50-50 match, which was a substantial amount for a small, financially strained city. He stated that "in-kind" match could be used which could consist of donations, monetary or labor, from interested parties willing to donate. The application would consist of up to \$150,000.00, with the city match of \$150,000.00, for a total up to \$300,000.00. The application must be submitted before August 1, 2024.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the council to allow the application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Small Community Grant Program to be submitted.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to read Resolution #01-07-24 allowing the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Small Community Grant Program by caption. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

**#01-07-24**  
**Local Park Grant Program**  
**Resolution Authorizing Application**

**A resolution of the City of Cooper as hereinafter referred to as "Applicant," designating certain officials as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the Applicant in dealing with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, hereinafter referred to as "Department," for the purpose of participating in the Local Park Grant Program, hereinafter referred to as the "Program"; certifying that the Applicant is eligible to receive program assistance; certifying that the Applicant matching share is readily available; and dedicating the proposed site for permanent (or for the term of the lease for leased property) public park and recreational uses.**

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Resolution #01-07-24 allowing the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Small Community Grant Program. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #8**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the application preparation agreement, from GrantWorks, to be implemented upon the submission of the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Small Community Grant Program. Mayor Braddy, again introduced Charles Edwards, with GrantWorks, to speak on this item. Charles stated that this item was an agreement for administrative actions that are necessary for the correct documentation submittal throughout the grant process. Charles stated that the cost for this service would be \$6,000.00. Charles stated that if the TPWD Small Community Grant Program application was not submitted, then this agreement would not go into effect. Charles also stated that he has had a good track record of submitting applications that were funded, but there was no guarantee that the application submitted would be funded. It was the consensus of the council to approve the application preparation agreement.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the Application Preparation Agreement with GrantWorks, with a cost of \$6,000.00, for the TPWD Small Community Grant application submittal, if the city can agree on a project and a cost that is acceptable to the city and citizens of the community. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented Resolution #02-07-24 increasing the garbage rates. Mayor Braddy stated that Sanitation Solutions is passing on a 3.22% increase based on the most current Consumer Price Index (CPI) data and landfill increase. This increase will take place on September 1, 2024. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that the city had no choice but to make the increase due to the fact that Sanitation Solutions charges were above what the city now charges.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #02-07-24, authorizing the garbage rate increase, by caption. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett read:

**RESOLUTION # 02-07-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS ESTABLISHING THE GARBAGE RATES TO REFLECT THE 3.22% CPI INCREASE PASSED THROUGH BY SANITATION SOLUTIONS TO BE CHARGED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Resolution #02-07-24 authorizing the garbage rate increase effective September 1, 2024. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to again table the item of approving an ordinance adopting the update of the 5-year Water Conservation/Drought Contingency Plan due to the fact that Texas Water Development Board has not yet approved it. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML IRP) Cyber liability and Data Breach Response Interlocal Agreement. Mayor Braddy stated that the city has cyber liability coverage with TML IRP and this agreement is allowing the city to continue this coverage.

Linda Barnes made the motion to approve the TML IRP Cyber Liability and Data Breach Response Interlocal Agreement. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the current Foreman, Elmo Robinson's, status. Mayor Braddy stated that the current Sheriff, Charla Singleton, was resigning effective July 15, 2024, therefore the newly elected Sheriff, Marshall Lynch must take office at that time and newly elected Constable, Elmo Robinson, must assume his new duties at that time also. Mayor Braddy stated that there are a few more applicants to be interviewed therefore this item needs to be tabled.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to table the item of appointing a new City Foreman at this time. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the Delta County Appraisal District (DCAD) Preliminary Budget for review.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to table any action at this time on the DCAD Preliminary Budget. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve July 23, 2024 at 5:00 PM for the Budget Work Session. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Diane Stegall stated that Mrs. Cruz should be here this week to clean the McKinney House. No funds were requested.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on street paving which should start this week or next week, the MUD Raw Water Contract, the homeless situation, houses to be demolished, code enforcer and the Sheriff won't enforce city ordinances.

AGENDA ITEM #17

The monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #18

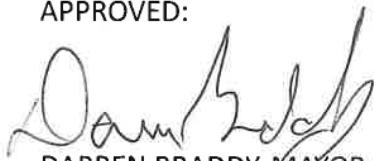
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #19

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

TIME: 6:53 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY