

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
MARCH 10, 2025 5:30 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, HOLLIE KELLEY, BILL KELLEY, SCOTT MORGAN, BRENDA PEREZ, ELMO ROBINSON, LEX HUIE, KENDRA INGRAM, JOHN MCELISH, SHAUNA HOLLOWAY, JEFF HOLLOWAY, DORTHY RUTLEDGE, MARGARET BUTLER, JENNIFER DWYER AND DENISE MILLER

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Mayor Darren opened the public comments. Lex Huie asked to speak on agenda item #5 and Margaret Butler asked to speak on agenda item #4. No other public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the February 10, 2025 minutes as presented. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy again presented Ordinance #01-03-25 authorizing the re-zoning of 341 W. Waco from R-1 Single Family to R-3 Multi Family. Mayor Braddy stated that this item was tabled at the February meeting in order to allow surrounding property owners time to get a survey of their property due to the discrepancy, in their opinion, of the survey presented by the current owners of 341 W. Waco. Mayor Braddy stated that the survey discrepancy issue was a civil matter between the property owners and not related to the zoning issue at hand. Margaret Butler stated that she was opposed to the re-zone. Mayor Braddy stated that the public hearing was held at the February meeting and now was not the time to voice opinions on this item. Diane Stegall wanted on the record to state that she hoped that the property owners could get this issue worked out. It was the consensus of the council to allow the zoning change. David Phillips made the motion to read Ordinance #01-03-25 by caption. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #01-03-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, COOPER, TEXAS, REGARDING RE-ZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 341 W. WACO, COOPER, TEXAS, FROM R1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Ordinance #01-03-25 authorizing the re-zoning of 341 W. Waco from R-1 to R-3. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the current alcohol ordinance needed to be looked at and updated. He stated that, new business owners, Lex Huie and Kendra Ingram, owners of The Waymore, were present to speak on this issue. Mayor Braddy stated that two businesses currently held a private club license, which allows the sale of mixed beverages with meals. Mayor Braddy stated that those two businesses retained a lawyer to help with the permit process. Mayor Braddy stated that Lex Huie and Kendra Ingram had done their own research to obtain their permit. Mayor Braddy stated that the city, the county and Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) had signed off on a permit to allow the sale of mixed beverages and missed the fact that a private club was not stated on the permit. Mayor Braddy stated that the only "voted on" alcohol sale for Delta County, which includes the City of Cooper, was off premise package beer and wine sale only and the only legal means to sell mixed beverages was to hold a private club license. Mayor Braddy also stated that he had talked to TABC and there was a way to change a permit through a process. Mayor Braddy stated that City Attorney, Jay Garrett, had already drafted a letter to begin this process. Mayor Braddy stated that one of the two businesses that currently hold a private club license, had relayed to him that the private club license was a very difficult bookkeeping task. Lex Huie stated that surrounding cities were allowed to operate with the mixed beverage license only so he didn't understand why the city couldn't do the same. Mayor Braddy stated that, in his opinion, the city allows The Waymore to proceed with operations until this matter could be resolved. It was the consensus of the council to allow Mayor Braddy to contact other cities for information of their mixed beverage sale approval and for City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to research and update the current alcohol sale ordinance.

Linda Barnes made the motion to allow City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to research and update the current alcohol ordinance. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced John McElfish, with GrantWorks to discuss the item of authorizing the issuance Request For Proposals (RFP) for administrative services and Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services to be secured for five years. John McElfish thanked the council for allowing him to speak. John stated that this was a unique opportunity for cities and counties for faster access to disaster funds when disasters occur. John stated that disasters can happen in seconds but the time frame for soliciting funding takes so much time that most cities don't get the process done in time. This one-time procurement procedure will allow the awarded administrative and engineering firms to apply for disaster funds, which could include FEMA, TDEM and or Texas Water Development Board immediately upon onset. As on all grants that are awarded, the city will be responsible for the match cost and the payment for the administrative and engineers will come from the allotted funding. John McElfish stated that the county had also approved this action. It was the consensus of the council to approve this action.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the authorization to issue requests for proposals for administrative services (RFP) as a disaster recovery management service provider to complete application and project implementation and requests for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA)/Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Texas Division of Emergency Management and/or Texas Water Development Board. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the item of the resignation of Denise Braddy from the Sulphur River Municipal Water District Board.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to accept the resignation of Denise Braddy from the Sulphur River Municipal Water District Board. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the item of replacing Denise Braddy on the Sulphur River Municipal Water District Board was at hand. Linda Barnes stated that, as a past member of that board for twenty years, that there was not a hurry to appoint a replacement at this time. The city could wait until an acceptable candidate came along. Mayor Braddy stated that Barbara Phillips is a current board member so waiting to appoint a second member was acceptable.

Diane Stegall made the motion to table this matter until an acceptable candidate could be found. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Braddy stated that there were no requests for funds at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on letters, court, water and sewer line issues.

AGENDAA ITEM #11

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #12

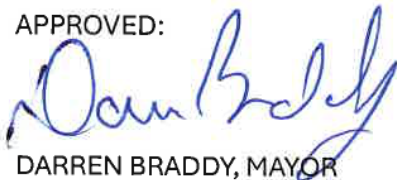
Monthly accounts paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #13

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

TIME: 6:33 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY