

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2020 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DARREN BRADY; MAYOR, DAVID PHILLIPS, ALLEN FOSTER,
AMANDA L'ESPERANCE, AND WILLIE "BEAR" WILKINS

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, DENISE BRADY, JOE ADAMS, AND KASEY BRITTON

ABSENT: DONNA THOMASON

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Allen Foster made the motion to approve the March 16, 2020 Public Hearing minutes as written and the March 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes with the changes made to item #3 on the regular minutes, per Amanda L'Esperance, on a statement that she said she did not make as stated. Amanda stated "do we know if he has a time frame on this at all. I mean I hate to waste one of our demos if he is going to do it". The previous statement was from the March 16, 2020 meeting.

From the March 26, 2020 meeting Amanda L'Esperance said "Can we amend item #3 a little bit? I did not say that I did not want to allow them to tear down the house. I just didn't want it to be a priority. I just didn't want that to be our first course of action because we were discussing him doing it himself. And all I ask is that we are going to be sure that we were going to use him first. It was going to be his decision first or his" ...Darren Brady said "We were looking to him to try to tear down before we got involved too" ...Amanda "Right and use our scheduled demolition as a last resort". Therefor Agenda Item #3 will be changed to: Amanda L'Esperance did not want it to be a priority for Sanitation Solutions to tear down and take away from the other scheduled demolitions.

David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #3

The disaster declaration ordinance #01-03-20, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was on the table for discussion. Mayor Darren Brady read all 17 sections of this ordinance. He stated that it was the discretion of the council to decide if a "gathering" should include a place of worship or groups who are providing healthcare or not include a place of worship or groups who are providing healthcare. It was the consensus of the council to approve the one that stated a gathering shall not include a place of worship or groups who are providing healthcare.

Allen Foster made the motion for City Attorney Jay Garrett to read ordinance #01-03-20 by caption. Willje "Bear" seconded. Vote unanimous.

City Attorney Jay Garrett read:

ORDINANCE #01-03-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER INDEFINITELY; ADOPTING AND APPROVING CERTAIN RULES TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF PERSONS IN THE CITY DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND LEGAL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS FOR THE DURATION OF THE ORDINANCE OF DISASTER; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

David Phillips made the motion to approve ordinance #01-03-20 where "gathering" shall not include a place of worship or groups who are providing healthcare. Amanda L'Esperance seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

The item of cancelling the April 13, 2020 regular council meeting was on the table for discussion. It was the consensus of the council not to cancel the meeting at this time. Resolution #01-03-20 would be changed to state that the meeting could be cancelled at the Mayor's discretion.

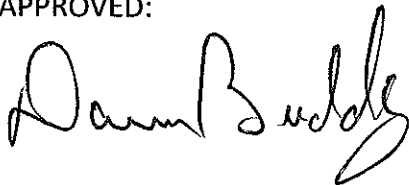
David Phillips made the motion to change the resolution to allow the Mayor to cancel the April 13, 2020 meeting at his discretion. Allen Foster seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Allen Foster made the motion to adjourn. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

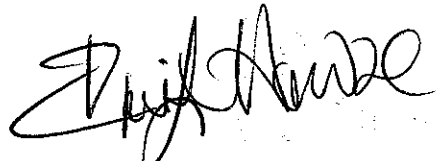
TIME: 5:25 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY