

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
MARCH 09, 2026 – 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: DIANE STEGALL

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, ROBERT HURST AND JUDY FALLS, MICHAEL G AND BRENDA VIA ZOOM

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

No public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the February 09, 2026 minutes as written. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

David Phillips made the motion for Emily Howse to read the certification of unopposed candidates. Scotty Deatherage seconded vote unanimous. Emily Howse read:

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (NOT COUNTY)

**CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS SIN OPOSICIÓN PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS
(NO DEL CONDADO)**

TO: Presiding Officer of Governing Body

Al: Presidente de la entidad gobernante

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on May 2, 2026. Como autoridad responsable de preparar la boleta oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos no tienen oposición para la elección al cargo para la elección programada para el 2 de mayo de 2026.

List offices and names of candidates:

Enumere los cargos y nombres de los candidatos:

Office(s) Cargo(s)

City Council
City Council
City Council

Candidate(s) Candidato(s)

David Phillips
Diane Stegall
Josh Hoskison

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve the certification of unopposed candidates. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #01-03-26, cancelling the council portion of the election, in its entirety. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #01-03-26

THE CANCELLATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PORTION OF THE MAY 2, 2026 ELECTION

The City of Cooper hereby cancels the city council portion of the election scheduled to held on May 2, 2026 in accordance with Section 2.053 (a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

La Ciudad de Cooper cancela la parte del consejo municipal de las elecciones programadas para el 2 de mayo de 2026, de conformidad con la Sección 2.053 (a) del Código Electoral de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como no contendientes y quedan elegidos de la siguiente manera:

Candidate (Candidato)	Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidature)
David Phillips	City Council
Diane Stegall	City Council
Josh Hoskison	City Council

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

Se publicará una copia de esta orden el día de la elección en cada lugar de votación que se hubiera utilizado en la elección.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

Linda Barnes made the motion to approve Ordinance #01-03-26 cancelling the council portion of the election. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Linda Barnes made the motion to appoint Josh Hoskison as Mayor Pro-Tem. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Robert Hurst to discuss the item of updating the five-year mitigation action plan with the City of Cooper, Delta County and Pecan Gap and naming Robert Hurst as the hazard mitigation coordinator. Robert Hurst explained that this plan was necessary to identify risk associated with the onset of disasters. Robert stated that in

the event of a disaster, if a mitigation plan is in place, then the acquisition of disaster grants would be easier to obtain. Robert stated that he would accept the position of Hazard Mitigation Coordinator as he has dealt with disaster situations for a lengthy period of time and he knows many details that will be helpful.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #01-03-26 in its entirety. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

RESOLUTION #01-03-26
Cooper

WHEREAS, the County of Delta and the Cities of Cooper and Pecan Gap recognize their vulnerability and the many potential hazards shared by all residents; and

WHEREAS, the County of Delta and the Cities of Cooper and Pecan Gap each have recognized the need to prepare a Five-year Updated Mitigation Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Delta and the Cities of Cooper and Pecan Gap have decided to jointly prepare one Five-year Updated Mitigation Action Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Delta and the Cities of Cooper and Pecan Gap hereby jointly adopt and approve said Five-year Updated Mitigation Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Delta and the Cities of Cooper and Pecan Gap shall mutually appoint a Hazard Mitigation Coordinator to coordinate all aspects of the Updated and Revised Mitigation Action Plan including its review and maintenance, for the County of Delta and the City of Cooper in accordance with this resolution.

RESOLVED THIS 9th DAY OF March, 2026

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Resolution #01-03-26 authorizing the update of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan and naming Robert Hurst as the Hazard Mitigation Coordinator. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the re-plat of DCAD Property Id's #5577 and #

5579. Mayor Braddy stated that this re-plat had been presented to the Planning and Zoning Board and council, which was approved by both. Mayor Braddy stated that the owners now have the area platted and is presenting to council for final approval. Mayor Braddy stated that the re-plat would create 5 individual lots, which is planned to be sold individually.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #02-03-26 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #02-03-26
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS,
APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR REPLAT OF DELTA COUNTY APPRAISAL
DISTRICT PROPERTY ID #5577 AND 5579 BEING PART OF BLOCK 17 E. M.
MORRIS AN ADDITION OF J. ANDERSON SURVEY ABSTRACT #3

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Ordinance #02-03-26 authorizing the replat of DCAD Property Id's #5577 and #5579 of which the owners will produce the original plat to be signed by the Mayor and City Secretary for recording. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that James Boardman was asking the appeal of the lack of one signature to allow him to make a storage building into a living quarter at 227 E. Austin Ave.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the appeal of the lack of one signature for the structure located at 227 E. Austin and allow it to be used for living quarters with the action of the city to enforce that plumbing, water and sewer, would need to be implemented.

Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Braddy presented to the council that, recently appointed, Carolyn Bacy-Roberts had resigned from the Cooper Housing Authority Board. Mayor Braddy stated that Raychel Reynolds had indicated that she would like the position. Mayor Braddy asked if the council had another candidate possibility. Mayor Braddy stated that he would talk to Raychel Reynolds and verify if she actually wanted the position. Mayor Braddy also stated that he had some complaints that the Cooper Housing Authority Board was not enforcing rules and regulations as they should be, the office was still closed since COVID, and that the meetings were too short and not enough input from board members. Mayor Braddy stated that he had discussed these issues with Malone Oats, who is in charge of Cooper Housing Authority.

David Phillips made the motion to table this action until further research was done. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Braddy introduced Judy Falls to discuss the 4 requests for Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance Funds. Judy Falls stated that they had received a request from Leon Hanson to request \$5,500.00 to paint a mural on a privately owned building. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the majority of the council to disallow the request for funds for a privately owned building.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to disallow the request of 1. \$5,500.00 from the Frankie Mckinney Arts Alliance for a mural on a privately owned building. David Phillips seconded. Vote was David Phillips, Scotty Deatherage and Linda Barnes yay. Josh Hoskison nay. Vote of yay to deny the request for funds for the privately owned building carried.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve the request for funds from the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance for:

2. Delta County Public Library Pair of Pirates-\$550.00
3. Delta County Public Library Ramblin Rita-\$316.00
4. Delta County Public Library Mt. Vernon Music-\$500.00

David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on a license agreement with employees that are in process of obtaining a license at the city's expense. Mayor Braddy stated that an agreement had been prepared and presented to the employees to guarantee that if the city was out money for the education and training to obtain such license, then the employee would be obligated to remain employed with the city for three years.

Mayor Braddy updated the council on the Economic Development Grant which would make repairs to failing infrastructure mainly around the square radius which would be around a 2.1 million project which the city match would be in the area of \$400,000.00 which would have to be borrowed. The application would cost the city \$7,500.00., which there is no guarantee that the city will receive the grant. Mayor Braddy stated that GrantWorks would give their estimate of whether or not the city would be a high possibility of receiving the grant, but there is no guarantee.

Mayor Braddy stated that Delta County is still willing to split the cost of repairs of water lines, sewer lines and street in the area east of the court house.

Mayor Braddy updated the council on the General Land Office (GLO) Resilient Community Planning (RCP) which is a mapping grant that is no cost to the city.

Mayor Braddy updated the council on the metal tanks that have been found by the Atmos Energy crew that are replacing gas lines all over town. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, stated that these tanks were used to store kerosene to fuel lighting for the town years ago.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Accounts paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Josh Hoskison made the motion to adjourn. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

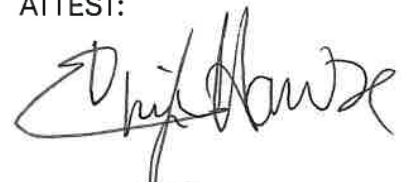
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APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY