

CITY OF COOPER
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
 MAY 11, 2026 5:30 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, SUSAN RASER AND MIKE WARD

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read the canvas of the May 2, 2026 election. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. Emily Howse read:

**CANVASS OF GENERAL ELECTION
 FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

I, Emily Howse, City Secretary of City of Cooper, Texas, met with the Early Voting Ballot Board sitting as the canvassing board to canvass the general election for political subdivisions of May 2, 2026, on May 4, 2026 at CISD Administration Office 759 FM 1528 Cooper, Texas I certify that the figures on the tally sheets correspond with the figures on the returns. Witness my hand this 4 day of May, 2026.

Emily Howse
 Presiding Officer of Canvassing Authority

	CANDIDATE NAME/PROPOSITION	EARLY VOTING FOR	EARLY VOTING AGAINST	ELECTION DAY FOR	ELECTION DAY AGAINST	TOTAL VOTES
COUNCIL	David Phillips					UNOPPOSED-CANCELED COUNCIL PORTION OF ELECTION
	Diane Stegall					UNOPPOSED-CANCELED COUNCIL PORTION OF ELECTION
	Josh Hoskison					UNOPPOSED-CANCELED COUNCIL PORTION OF ELECTION
PROPOSITION A	"The legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only"	14	7	13	3	Total For: 27 Total Against: 10

*****NOTE: THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 1,192 REGISTERED VOTERS FOR THE CITY OF COOPER, ONLY 37 CITY VOTERS VOTED IN THE MAY 2, 2026 ELECTION*****

AGENDA ITEM #3

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #01-05-26, certifying the canvassed totals, by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

RESOLUTION #01-05-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS, INCLUDING THE RETURNS OF EARLY VOTING BALLOTS CAST IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR TWO (2) YEAR TERMS; AND PROPOSITION A: PROPOSITION A: "THE LEGAL SALE OF MIXED BEVERAGES IN RESTAURANTS BY FOOD AND BEVERAGE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS ONLY; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CANVASS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to approve Resolution #01-05-26 certifying the canvassed totals of the May 2, 2026 election. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

City Attorney, Jay Garrett, gave the Statement of Officer to David Phillips, Diane Stegall and Josh Hoskison.

AGENDA ITEM #5

City Attorney, Jay Garrett, gave the Oath of Office to David Phillips, Diane Stegall and Josh Hoskison.

AGENDA ITEM #6

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the April 13, 2026 minutes as written. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy introduced Mike Ward to present the 2024-2025 annual audit. Mike Ward thanked the council for allowing him to speak and present the audit. Mike Ward directed the council to the main pages of the audit and explained in detail the findings. Mike stated that the audit was consistent with the previous audit and there were no major issues with the audit findings. Mike Ward also stated that the audit presented detailed information and definitions of the contents of an audit. Mike stated that, in his opinion, this was a clean audit.

Mayor Darren Braddy asked Mike Ward about the time frame in which the audit is supposed to be complete, which is within 90 days if the entity would be raising the tax rate above the effective rate. Mike Ward stated that he was past the deadline, but in the future, he would get it done in a timelier manner. Mayor Darren Braddy asked if the council had any

questions for Mike Ward concerning the audit presented. There were no comments from the council. Mayor Darren Braddy thanked Mike Ward for his work and presentation.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Resolution #02-05-26 approving the 2024-2025 Annual Audit. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

RESOLUTION #02-05-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AS PREPARED BY MIKE WARD, CPA OF MIKE WARD ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL CONSULTING, PLLC; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

David Phillips made the motion to approve Resolution #02-05-26 approving the 2024-2025 Annual Audit. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council Ordinance #01-05-26 approving the re-plat of Delta County Appraisal District Property ID #6742 and #6745. Mayor Braddy stated that this re-plat would combine two properties to create one large property and would allow the owners to possibly build a house in the middle of the property. Diane Stegall questioned if building in the middle should be allowed, due to the fact that it would not be consistent with the surrounding homes in the area. Mayor Braddy stated that he possibly misspoke, because he did not know if the owners were planning to build in the middle or not. Mayor Braddy stated that as long as the set backs were met when the time came, that there was nothing to stop them from building where they desired, or the council could put something in place if they thought it was necessary.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read Ordinance #01-05-26 by caption. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #01-05-26

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 #6742 AND #6745 BEING PART OF LOT 9R, WESTOWN SOUTH ADDITION, PHASE3.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve Ordinance #01-05-26 approving the re-plat of Delta County Appraisal District Property ID #6742 and #6745. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Diane Stegall made the motion to appoint Carol Lowery to the Cooper Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Carolyn Bacy-Roberts which will expire January 2028. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council that he was still in the process of obtaining repair quotes for the McKinney House.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the water leaks, sewer issues. Mayor Braddy also commended the new employees for their great attitude and good work ethic.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #15

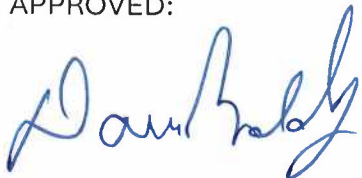
Monthly bill paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #16

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

TIME: 6:16 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY