

CITY OF COOPER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR  
FEBRUARY 9, 2026 – 5:30 PM

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

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER AND MICHAEL VIA ZOOM

AGENDA ITEM #1

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

AGENDA ITEM #2

Mayor Braddy asked for public comments on the agenda items. There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the January 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the item of ordering the city election to elect three council members and the local option liquor proposition to legalize the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only to be held on May 2, 2026 at Cooper ISD Administration building located at 759 FM 1528.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to order the city election to elect three council members and the local option liquor proposition to legalize the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only to be held on May 2, 2026 at Cooper ISD Administration building located at 759 FM 1528. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Linda Barnes made the motion to appoint Charlie Steward as election Judge, Neali Landers as election Clerk and two alternate Judges to be appointed by the election Judge at a later date, the appointees will make up the early voting ballot board and set the pay rate at \$20.00 per hour for Judges and \$15.00 per hour for clerks. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy announced that Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 10:00 am as the date and time for the drawing to determine the order in which the names of candidates are to be printed on the ballot.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Diane Stegall made the motion to set the Spring Clean Up dates as:

**2026 SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR WATER BILL**

The City of Cooper has set Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> as Spring Clean Up Week. All charges will be half the normal price for residential pick-ups. **There will be no charge for residents that take items to the dumpsite themselves, excluding tires.** As always, there is **no charge** if you take brush to the dumpsite. The city will allow residents to take tires and batteries to the dumpsite. The fee for tires will be \$4.00 per tire for a regular size tire, \$16.00 per tire for semi-truck tires, \$2.00 per inch for front tractor tires and \$4.00 per inch for back tractor tires. No tire will be accepted that is still mounted on the rim. There will not be a charge for batteries.

**Tires and batteries will not be picked up at your residence.**

**YOU MUST CALL CITY HALL FOR RESIDENTIAL PICK-UPS**

The hours set for the dumpsite are:

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, & Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**NO COMMERCIAL TRASH, BRUSH, TIRES OR BATTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DUMPSITE**

**2026 FALL CLEAN UP WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR WATER BILL**

The City of Cooper has set Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> as Fall Clean Up Week. All charges will be half the normal price for residential pick-ups. **There will be no charge for residents that take items to the dumpsite themselves, excluding tires.** As always, there is **no charge** if you take brush to the dumpsite. The city will allow residents to take tires and batteries to the dumpsite. The fee for tires will be \$4.00 per tire for a regular size tire-no rim, \$16.00 per tire for semi-truck tires, \$2.00 per inch for front tractor tire-no rim, & \$4.00 per inch for rear mount tractor tires-no rim. No tire will be accepted that is still mounted on the rim. There will not be a charge for batteries.

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Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM #8**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the United States Post Office had issued a letter to citizens stating that they need to set a mailbox at the curb. Mayor Braddy presented information that was received from an anonymous concerned citizen stating that the curbside mailbox was not mandatory. Mayor Braddy stated that the city had no stance either way, it was up to the citizen whether or not they placed their mailbox at the curb. Mayor Braddy also stated that some locations were not prime areas for curbside mailboxes. No action was needed or taken on this matter.

**AGENDA ITEM #9**

Mayor Darren Braddy presented a letter of support to be given to Delta County for the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program-Round XIV Grant. David

Phillips made the motion to approve the letter to be presented to Delta County. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the Delta County Library is requesting funds for Creature Teacher on June 16, 2026, in the amount of \$425.00.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve the request for funds from the Delta County Library for Creature Teacher in the amount of \$425.00 scheduled for June 16, 2026. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the TCEQ lead line inventory, LS Power Potential locating in Delta County, Solar Farm donating \$20,000.00 to the City of Cooper designated for Delta County Baseball Association for lighting, and relocating water lines for the TXDOT Downtown project which involves lowering the water line in S.W. 1<sup>st</sup> from Dallas Avenue to Ft. Worth Avenue which will cost in the area of \$57,000.00.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #13

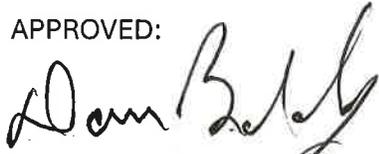
Monthly bills paid were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #14

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

TIME: 6:20 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR  
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE  
CITY SECRETARY