

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR METING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 – 5:00 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, JETER CHERRY, SHEILA CHERRY, KAREN ATKINS, SUSAN RASER, MELISSA MILLARD, DORTHY RUTLEDGE, ASHLEY COLVIN, BRENDA PEREZ, KASEY BRITTON, CARLOYN BACY AND ERIN SERNA

AGENDA ITEM #1

Darren Braddy opened the public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 budget with a prayer. Darren asked for public input and comments on the proposed budget 2023-2024 budget. No comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Darren closed the public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 budget at 5:02 pm with no comments being made.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Mayor Darren Braddy called the regular meeting to order. Mayor Braddy had previously voiced the prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Mayor Darren Braddy asked for public comments on the listed agenda items. Melissa Millard asked why the item of the council meeting time change was not on the agenda for discussion. Mayor Braddy stated that due to busy times, this item was not put on the agenda. No further comments were made on the listed items.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the August 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Ordinance #01-09-23 for the adoption of the 2023-2024 budget was at hand. Mayor Braddy stated that the budget had been presented to the council and no council member had requested any changes to the budget that had been presented.

David Phillips made the motion to read Ordinance #01-09-23 by caption. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-09-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Ordinance #02-09-23 adopting the 2023-2024 tax rate was at hand. Diane Stegall asked if this was the same rate as last year. Mayor Braddy stated that this rate was the effective rate which would produce the same amount of revenue as last year. David Phillips stated that there was a typo of the date stated. It was the consensus of the council to approve Ordinance #02-09-23 with the date correction to be made.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to read the entire Ordinance #02-09-23. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #02-09-2023

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Cooper that

We, the City Council of the City of Cooper do hereby levy or adopt the tax rate of \$100 valuation for this City for tax year 2023 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF COOPER FOR THE TAX YEAR 2023

\$ 0.639322	For the purpose of maintenance and operation
\$ 0.024370	For the payment of principal and interest on debt of this City
\$ 0.663692	Total tax rate

The Tax Assessor-Collector is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the City of Cooper employing the above tax rate.

The above Ordinance and order was read and adopted this 11th day of September 2023.

By the vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Ordinance #02-09-23 with the corrected date adopting the 2023-2024 tax rate. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the tax collection contract with Delta County Tax Office was at hand. Mayor Braddy stated that this was the standard contract for the Delta County Tax Office to collect taxes for the City of Cooper.

David Phillips made the motion to approve the tax collection contract with Delta County Tax Office. Linda Barnes seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the item of Ordinance #03-09-23 stating incentive documentation for the sale of 550 S.E. 5th Street. Mayor Braddy stated that the documents had been obtained shortly before the meeting and there were errors that needed to be corrected. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, stated that the item could be approved with the changes stated. It was the consensus of the council to approve Ordinance #03-09-23, with the corrections needed, in order to get the process underway.

Diane Stegall made the motion to read Ordinance #03-09-23 by caption. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE NO. 03-09-2023

AN ORDINANCE FOR SALE AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR 550 S.E. 5th STREET, COOPER, DELTA COUNTY, TEXAS BEING OWNED BY CITY OF COOPER; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A PENALTY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER PUBLICATION.

Linda Barnes made the motion to approve Ordinance #03-09-23 with corrections made. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council the item of Ordinance #04-09-23 stating incentive documentation for the sale of 110.S.W. 1ST Street. Mayor Braddy stated that the documents had been obtained shortly before the meeting and there were errors that needed to be corrected. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, stated that the item could be approved with the changes stated. It was the consensus of the council to approve Ordinance #03-09-23, with the corrections needed, in order to get the process underway.

David Phillips made the motion to read Ordinance #04-09-23 by caption. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE NO. 04-09-2023

AN ORDINANCE FOR SALE AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR 110 S.W. 1st STREET, COOPER, DELTA COUNTY, TEXAS BEING OWNED BY CITY OF COOPER; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A PENALTY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER PUBLICATION.

Diane Stegall made the motion to approve Ordinance #04-09-23, with the corrections made. Josh Hoskison seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Erin Serna wished to move a house into the city at 200 N.E. 2nd Street. Mayor Darren Braddy stated that Erin had obtained all signatures required with the exception of one which is a holding company located in Arizona. Linda Barnes asked if allowing the placement, while lacking that one signature, could set the city up for a lawsuit. City Attorney, Jay Garrett stated that the council had the right to allow the placement. It was the consensus of the council to allow the structure to be moved into the city even though it lacked the one signature.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to approve to allow the structure to be moved into the city located at 200 N.E. 2nd St, lacking the one signature from GREENSBSB LLC 17711 N 101 ST SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85225. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. Erin thanked the council.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that Mirella Montejano-Jackson wished to ask for more incentives. Emily Howse stated that actually it was Mirella's brother who wished to ask for new construction incentives on a single personal residential structure. It was the consensus of the council not to allow incentives on single personal residential request.

Josh Hoskison made the motion to deny the incentive request for a personal residential request. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Mayor Darren Braddy presented to the council that the Cotton Harvest Festival had made the request of funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the upcoming annual event. David Phillips made the motion to approve the request of funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the upcoming Cotton Harvest Festival. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mayor Braddy then updated the council on the build status of the McKinney home.

AGENDA ITEM #14

Mayor Darren Braddy presented the 2023-2024 holiday schedule.

AGENDA ITEM #15

Mayor Darren Braddy updated the council on the status of the city.

AGENDA ITEM #16

Monthly budget reports were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #17

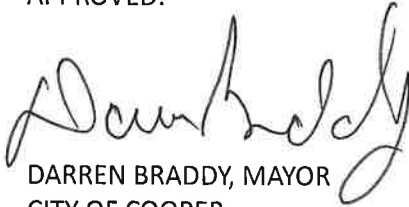
Accounts payable were reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #18

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

TIME: 5:54 PM

APPROVED:



DARREN BRADDY, MAYOR
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY