

CITY OF COOPER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 – 5:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID PHILLIPS, SCOTTY DEATHERAGE, LINDA BARNES AND
DIANE STEGALL VIA ZOOM

CITY ATTORNEY: JAY GARRETT

OTHERS PRESENT: EMILY HOWSE, LESLIE BLANKENSHIP VIA ZOOM AND I-PHONE VIA ZOOM

AGENDA ITEM #1

Senior Council member, David Phillips, opened the public hearing due to the absence of Mayor Darren Braddy.
There was no public present.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Linda Barnes made the motion to close the public hearing. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. Senior Council member, David Phillips closed the public hearing.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Diane Stegall made the motion to accept the resignation of Josh Hoskison. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #4

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

AGENDA ITEM #5

Mayor Pro-Tem, Linda Barnes called the special meeting to order and asked City Attorney, Jay Garrett, to voice the prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Mayor Pro-Tem, Linda Barnes asked for public comments. There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Diane Stegall made the motion to read Ordinance #01-09-26 adopting the 2026-2027 budget by caption. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

**ORDINANCE # 01-09-26
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS,
ADOPTING THE 2026-2027 BUDGET AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

David Phillips made the motion to approve Ordinance #01-09-26 adopting the 2026-2027 budget. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Scotty Deatherage made the motion to read Ordinance #02-09-26 adopting the 2026 tax rate in its entirety. David Phillips seconded. Vote unanimous. City Attorney, Jay Garrett, read:

ORDINANCE #02-09-2026

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 2026 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF COOPER FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026

\$ 0.591992 For the purpose of maintenance and operation

\$ 0.022406 For the payment of principal and interest on debt of this City

\$ 0.614398 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 2ND day of September 2026.

By the vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays.

David Phillips made the motion to approve Ordinance #02-09-26 adopting the 2026 tax rate of M&O 0.591992 - I&S 0.022406 for a total tax rate of 0.614398. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote 4 ayes. 0 nays.

AGENDA ITEM #9

There was no discussion on the appointment of a member to replace the vaeancy left by the resignation of Josh Hoskison.

AGENDA ITEM #10

David Phillips made the motion to approve the Frankie McKinney Arts Alliance request for funds for Wildlife on the move in the amount of \$436.00. Scotty Deatherage seconded. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM #11

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Diane Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous.

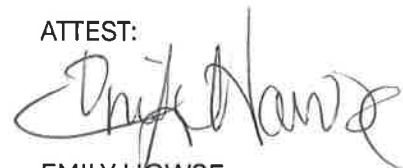
TIME: 5:13 PM

APPROVED:



LINDA BARNES, MAYOR PRO-TEM
CITY OF COOPER

ATTEST:



EMILY HOWSE
CITY SECRETARY