

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Nauert made the following statement:

With today's tragedies we have decided not to have a Workshop that was planned for earlier this evening. We will keep the City Council meeting as short as we can by postponing the Executive Session.

Today I am asking all citizens of Copperas Cove to offer prayers for the victims and their families to remember all of those Americans who died, also I am asking citizens to remember that our freedom and way of life in America are often tested. We should never let any terrorist who with their cowardice acts make America and ourselves less than we truly are. America's strength truly comes forth in the depths of our tragedies. Council has decided to name Sunday as a day of mourning in the City of Copperas Cove. Thank you, and God bless America.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodney G. Nauert called the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Bud Owsley gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

Bradi D. Diaz
Ray Don Clayton
John F. Gallen
Charlotte Heinze
Fred Harris
Bud Owsley
Annabelle Smith

Richard Torres, City Manager
Pamela Russell, City Secretary
Jim Thompson, Interim City Attorney

Mayor Nauert announced he would allow a Citizen's forum.

- Frank DiMuccio, 2314 E. HWY 190 – Concerned about the cost of annexation.

D. CONSENT AGENDA – None

E. PUBLIC HEARING /ACTION

1a. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2001-32 amending water and wastewater rates for fiscal year 2001-2002. **Steve Alexander, Finance Director**

Speaking For: Steven Alexander, Finance Director
Speaking Against: None

1b. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2001-32 amending water and wastewater rates for fiscal year 2001-2002. **Steve Alexander, Finance Director**

Council member Smith made the motion to approve the item as presented. Council member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried. The caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-25, ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 11 - MINIMUM FEE; MONTHLY RATE AND AMENDING SECTION 11-33 (1) (a), ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 11 - RATE SCHEDULES - OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN THE WATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN THE WASTEWATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

F. ACTION

1. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2001-33 approving and adopting a budget for operating the municipal government of the City of Copperas Cove for fiscal year 2001-2002. **Steve Alexander, Finance Director**

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz made the motion to approve the item as presented. Council member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-33

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2001 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS ON ALL INDEBTEDNESS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2001-34 adopting the tax rate for fiscal year 2001-2002. **Steve Alexander, Finance Director**

Council member Harris made the motion to approve the item as presented. Council member Heinze seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried. The caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-34

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, FOR THE 2001 TAX YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2001 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING A SINKING FUND FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. Consideration and action on rescheduling the date of the second regular City Council meeting in September from September 18, 2001 to September 17, 2001. *Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary*

Council member Owsley made the motion to approve the item as presented. Council member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

4. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2001-36 increasing the employer and employee contribution rate to the Texas Municipal Retirement System. *Kelli Sames, Human Resources Director*

Council member Gallen made the motion to approve the item as presented. Council member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried. The caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-36

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ALLOWING, UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, "UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS" IN SAID SYSTEM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR SERVICE PERFORMED BY QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF SUCH SYSTEM WHO AT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ALLOWANCE ARE IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE; PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES OF THE CITY; TO INCREASE THE RATE OF DEPOSITS TO THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nauert announced that the executive session items would be discussed at the next meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC City Secretary