

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodney G. Nauert called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Steven Alexander, City Manager
Pamela Russell, City Secretary
Jim Thompson, Interim City Attorney

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Smith

- Attended the First Annual Central Texas Housing Fair, sponsored by the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), Council member Smith said she had the distinct honor of representing Copperas Cove at this event.
- On April 25th the Central Texas Land Board will be in Copperas Cove at the Civic Center, flyers will available to promote this event. Land bids for central Texas veterans will be presented.
- Attended with fellow Council member Owsley, the Senior Games closing ceremonies. Council member Smith asked Linda Tyler, Parks and Recreation Director and Mayor Rodney Nauert to go to the podium. Council member Smith presented Linda Tyler with a plaque from the Senior Games for the City's participation in the event. Linda Tyler gave thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department, the Police Department, and all of the volunteers from the Police Academy Alumni Association. Linda Tyler added, the event had over 300 participants.

Council member Owsley

- At the last meeting Mr. Owsley stated he had made comments to the Killeen Daily Herald and the Cove Leader Press. Council member Owsley gave thanks for the follow up articles that appeared in both newspapers.

Council member Harris

- March 23, 2002 the Downtown Association will hold an event to celebrate a Happy Birthday for Copperas Cove.

Council member Gallen

- The School District will be on spring break this week, and cautioned residents to watch out for small children.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz

- The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce along with the Downtown Association, and the Independent School District will host a Birthday Party to celebrate the 123rd. birthday of Copperas Cove. The event will be held on March 23rd, 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. The entertainment will be provided by the Cove Country Opry.
- The Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the Taste of Cove, which will be held on Thursday April 18th 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. all citizens are invited to come out and get a taste of all the businesses in Copperas Cove

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – West Point Bicentennial Month.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation, and Mr. Joe Palumbo accepted the proclamation. Mr. Palumbo said it was an honor to receive the proclamation from the City.

2. Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation, and Mr. Jim French accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Morning Exchange Club. Mr. O'Dwyer, dressed as the Grim Reaper recited a message to the citizens of Copperas Cove on the issue of child abuse prevention.

F. CITIZEN'S FORUM citizens are allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters, matters under litigation, or matters on the regular agenda, for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the March 5, 2002 Regular City Council Meeting, and the March 12, 2002 Special City Council Meeting. ***Pamela Russell, City Secretary***

2. Consideration and action on a waiver of fees for the use of the Turkey Creek Activity Center for the Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter's fourth annual golf tournament. ***Steven J. Alexander, City Manager***

3. Consideration and action on approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Copperas Cove and the County of Bell concerning the review and approval of subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

4. Consideration and action on approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Copperas Cove and the County of Coryell concerning the review and approval of subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

5. Consideration and action on approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Copperas Cove and the County of Lampasas concerning the review and approval of subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

Council member Gallen made a motion to approve consent items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Council member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1a. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2002-07 a request to rezone an 8.5 acre tract of land located in the Commercial Property tract of Meadow Brook Estates, Section Two, from B-4 Business to B-2 Local Retail. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

Speaking For: Wayne Herrington, City Planner.
Mr. Victor Turley, Turley and Associates of Temple, Texas.

Speaking Against: Mr. Martinez, 111 Randa Street, Copperas Cove.
Mr. Jim Appleson, 101 Randa Street, Copperas Cove.

1b. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2002-07 a request to rezone an 8.5 acre tract of land located in the Commercial Property tract of Meadow Brook Estates, Section Two, from B-4 Business to B-2 Local Retail. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

Council member Owsley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2002-07. Mayor Pro Tem Diaz seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, APPROVING A ZONING CHANGE BY REZONING 8.5 ACRES, BEING PART OF THE MEADOW BROOK ESTATES, SECTION TWO, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, ALSO KNOWN AS 1200 BLOCK OF SOUTH F.M. 116, FROM B-4 (BUSINESS) TO B-2 (LOCAL RETAIL).

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2002-09 congratulating the Lottery Commission on the twentieth anniversary of Charitable Bingo in Texas. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2002-09. Council member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-09

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE LOTTERY COMMISSION ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARITABLE BINGO IN TEXAS.

2. Consideration and action on a waiving or reducing City fees related to the construction of a Habitat for Humanity Home. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

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

3. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2002-10 authorizing and supporting the submission of a grant application to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, Emergency Grant Program, in the amount of \$8,400 and authorizing the Grants Administrator to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the application. **Bruce Woods, Fire Chief**

Council member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2002-10. Council member Owsley seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION; AND PLEDGING THAT THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE WILL COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION.

4. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2002-06 – amending speed limits and school zones. **Paul Boyer, City Engineer**

Council member Gallen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2002-10. Mayor Pro Tem Diaz seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTIONS 18-16, 18-16.1, 18-16.2, 18-16.3, 18-17 SPEED LIMITS AND ADDING SECTION 18-16.6 SPEED LIMITS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report for the month ending January 31, 2002. **Christine Julius, Interim Finance Director**

Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance gave the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2002.

2. Fire Department of the year recognized from the Central Texas Trauma Council. **Bruce Woods, Fire Chief**

Bruce Woods, Fire Chief said he was very pleased to announce that the Copperas Cove Fire Department was recognized as the Fire Department of the Year by the Central Texas Trauma Council; established by Central Texas Council of Health to promote public safety and community health. Chief Woods said the Fire Department was very honored and excited to have been selected as the Fire Department of the Year.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS - None

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Council member Owsley – Political signs and campaigning on City property.
- Council member Harris – Deer Problem – Public Hearing

Mayor Nauert closed the regular session at 7:55 p.m.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to §551.072 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate.

2. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the employment terms of the city manager.

N. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nauert reopened the regular session at 9:57 p.m.

Mayor Nauert announced that the executive session item M-1 was for information purposes, and no action would be taken.

2. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the employment terms of the city manager.

Council member Smith made a motion to accept the contract with the City Manager, Steven Alexander. Council member Owsley seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary