

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 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 7:04 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member John Gallen gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Bradi D. Diaz
Ray Don Clayton
John F. Gallen
Charlotte Heinze
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

- Thank you to everyone who helped with National Day of Prayer.
- Thank you to Wayne Herrington, City Planner for his help with Downtown Association meeting.
- The Downtown Association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Interested citizens are invited to attend.

Council Member Owsley

- The Ministerial Alliance are planning a large memorial service on September 11th to recognize Police and Fire Departments.

Council Member Harris

- We should write to folks in Washington to ask for prayer in schools. Now is the time to tell our congressmen and senators we want prayer in schools.

Council Member Heinze

- Attended National Day of Prayer, and gave thanks to Peggy Thompson and Carol O'Dwyer for organizing the event.
- The Festival of Five Hills opens at City Park next Thursday, and everyone is invited.
- Thanks to the organizers of the Beauty Pageant that was held at the Lea Ledger Auditorium, it was a very nice event.

Council Member Gallen

- Thanks to citizens and patrons for supporting the Friends of the Library book sale. The Friends of the Library made \$1,400.

Council Member Clayton

- Thank you to the 4th Infantry Division for the invitation to view the new Black Hawk helicopter. The 4th Infantry Division are doing a great job and have wonderful equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradi Diaz

- May 17th the Solid Waste Department will be hosting a city wide “Spring Clean Up” at the Solid Waste facility from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for residents and business owners.
- The Festival of Five Hills opening ceremony begins at 5 p.m. The festival runs from May 16th – May 19th. There will be live entertainment all weekend. The parade begins on Saturday, May 18th at 10 a.m. in the downtown area. Everyone is invited.

Mayor Nauert

- A Public Hearing will be held on May 14th on the deer problem.
- Festival of Five Hills – Everyone be sure and turn out, and show our support of this event.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Oath of Office – Bud Owsley, Council Member Position Six.

Mayor Nauert gave the official oath of office to Council Member Bud Owsley, position six, to serve a three-year term of office for the City of Copperas Cove.

2. Oath of Office – Annabelle Smith, Council Member Position Seven.

Mayor Nauert gave the official oath of office to Council Member Annabelle Smith, position seven, to serve a three-year term of office for the City of Copperas Cove.

3. Proclamation – Refuge Corporation Day.

Mayor Nauert read the “Refuge Corporation Day” proclamation. Joseph Solomon accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Refuge Corporation, and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support.

4. Proclamation – Law Enforcement Torch Run Day for Special Olympics Texas.

Mayor Nauert read the “Law Enforcement Torch Run Day for Special Olympics Texas” proclamation. Police Chief Molnes, Lt. Austin, and Sgt. Ronne accepted the proclamation. Sgt. Ronne invited everyone to attend a Special Olympics fundraiser family day on June 15, 2002 at the Sally Mae building in Killeen.

5. Proclamation – Peace Officer’s Memorial Day.

Mayor Nauert read the “Police Week, Peace Officers Memorial Day” proclamation. Police Chief Molnes, Lt. Austin, and Sgt. Ronne accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Police department. Lt. Austin read a tribute to fallen officers who have died in the line of duty.

6. Proclamation – Nursing Home Week.

Mayor Nauert read the “Nursing Home Week” proclamation. Mr. Roy Nash accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Hill Country Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Nash thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation and all the volunteer support he receives at the facility from the community.

7. Proclamation – Loyalty Day.

Mayor Nauert read the Loyalty Day proclamation. Charles McGath accepted the proclamation on behalf of the VFW 8577, and thanked the Mayor and City Council. Mr. McGath gave a brief history on the creation of Loyalty Day.

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.

Diane Steele, 905 N. 4th Street. Mrs. Steele read a letter she had received from TNRCC addressing the land adjacent to the City cemetery. Mrs. Steele thanked the City Manager for taking the initiative for cleaning this problem up.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the April 16, 2002 Regular City Council Meeting. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent item 1. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION – None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of Resolution No. 2002-12, granting property tax exemption for organizations engaged primarily in charitable activities. ***Steven J. Alexander, City Manager***

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2002-12. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS GRANTING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES.

2. Consideration and action on waiver of rental fees for the use of the Civic Center by the Children's Advocacy Center in prevention, investigation, education and treatment of child abuse. **Linda Tyler, Parks and Recreation Director**

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

3. Consideration and action on approving the Cove Country Opry Budget for the remainder of fiscal year 2001-02. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

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

4. Consideration and action on approval of Resolution No. 2002-13 authorizing the City of Copperas Cove to intervene at the Railroad Commission of Texas in the TXU Lone Star Pipeline request to establish rates, GUD Docket No. 9292. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2002-13. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION AT THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS IN THE TXU LONE STAR PIPELINE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH RATES, GUD DOCKET NO. 9292; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTANTS; AND REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF RATE CASE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. Consideration and action on approval of Resolution No. 2002-14 expressing support for the funding of Northwest Loop 363 in the City of Temple, Bell County, Texas. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Council Member Clayton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2002-14. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PRIORITY I CONSTRUCTION FUNDING (PHASE I) FOR THE NORTHWEST LOOP 363 AND PRIORITY II DESIGN/PLANNING FUNDING (PHASE II) FOR THE NORTHWEST LOOP 363 HIGHWAY INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TEMPLE, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

J. STAFF REPORTS

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| 1. Report on receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2001-2002. Steven J. Alexander, City Manager |
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Steven Alexander, City Manager reported that for the past four years the City has submitted the budget document to the Government Finance Officers Association for an award. This award is only presented to organizations that meet certain criteria. That criteria being the budget document be a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communication device. This is the 5th Distinguished Budget Presentation Award the City has received. This demonstrates that we are proactive in our financial reporting to the public. This also adds credibility to the Council as a City government, and adds credibility to the financial status of the organization. This is the highest form of award an organization can receive for a budget document.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None

Mayor Nauert adjourned the regular session of the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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| 1. Pursuant to §551.072 of the Open Meetings Act. <i>Tex. Gov't Code</i> , Council will meet in Executive Session to consult and seek the advice of its attorney concerning: |
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| a. A long term lease of real estate to the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell County. |
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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 of the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor Nauert announced that Executive Session item M-1 was for information purposes and no action would be taken.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary