

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2003 - 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 7:05 p.m.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**C. ROLL CALL**

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

Robert Camereno, Assistant City Manager  
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary  
James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Nauert

- The Mayor Pro Tem and City Manager are not attending the City Council meeting this evening, as they are on a special assignment.

Council Member Smith

- On March 22<sup>nd</sup> Copperas Cove will be celebrating its 124<sup>th</sup> Birthday. All citizens are invited, and more information will be forthcoming over the next weeks.

Council Member Harris

- Congratulations and thanks to staff for the very successful Texas Municipal League Region IX Meeting that was held January 30, 2003 at the Killeen Convention Center, we were well represented.
- The flag at the Solid Waste department was not flown at half mast until Monday. Council Member Harris instructed the City Secretary to distribute flag protocol and etiquette to all department directors.
- Soldiers are not here to build our economy they are here to defend our country. This is what we should be focusing on.

Council Member Heinze

- The Job Shadow Program that took place last week in the Community was a great success. The kids learned a lot, and thanks to all the individuals that had a high school student shadow them.

Council Member Gallen

- Thanks to the spectators that came to the City Park last Saturday at Noon to watch the Polar Bears! It was a beautiful day, but the water was still cold.

City Secretary, Pamela Russell

- The City of Copperas Cove will be holding a general election May 3, 2003 for the positions of: Mayor, Council Member Position One, and Council Member Position Two. Candidate packets are available from the City Secretary's office.

**E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION** – None.

**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. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Complained that on January 13, 2003 a truck filled with beautiful flowers was leaving the cemetery. The flowers had been taken from the graves. Ms. Steele stated she had placed an artificial arrangement on a grave and that had also been taken. Ms. Steel stated she thinks enforcement of the cemetery ordinance is selective.

Dinah Novy, 2405 Live Oak Drive – Distributed a fundraiser letter to the City Council. The fundraiser is to benefit the "Pride of Cove Band" and help send them to Washington, D.C. Ms. Novy said this was a remarkable opportunity for the students, and asked for support from the community.

**G. CONSENT ITEMS**

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| 1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from January 21, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting. <b><i>Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary</i></b> |
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Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve consent item 1. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION** – None.

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

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| 1. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2003-02 annexing Mesa Verde at Skyline Addition, and granting the Zoning Designation of R-1, Single-Family Residential District. <b><i>David Lilley, City Planner/Building Official</i></b> |
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Council Member Clayton made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-02. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-02**

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY KNOWN AS MESA VERDE AT SKYLINE ADDITION WITHIN THE CTIY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO SAID TERRITORY AND TO ALL FUTURE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID FUTURE INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS AND ORDINANCES OF THE SAID CITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2. Consideration and action on Ordinance 2003-04 annexing 124.866 acres identified as House Creek North Subdivision, Phase One, and two adjacent roadways, and granting the Zoning Designation of R-1, Single-Family Residential District. **David Lilley, City Planner/Building Official**

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-04. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-04**

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY HOUSE CREEK NORTH SUBDIVISION, AND TWO ADJACENT ROADWAYS, WITHIN THE CTIY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO SAID TERRITORY AND TO ALL FUTURE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID FUTURE INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS AND ORDINANCES OF THE SAID CITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3. Consideration and action on removing Ordinance No. 2002-23 adopting new Sign Regulations, from the table. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 2002-23 from the table. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

4. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2002-23 adopting new Sign Regulations. **David Lilley, City Planner/Building Official**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2002-23. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2002-23**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS REPEALING THE CURRENT SIGN REGULATIONS, ADOPTING A NEW SIGN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5. Consideration and action on an "Order of Election" calling a General Election for Mayor and Council members Positions 1 & 2; to be held on May 3, 2003, and a Runoff Election on May 31, 2003 (if necessary); and approving Resolution No. 2003-02 outlining the election procedures. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-02. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-02**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR A GENERAL ELECTION IN COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS.**

6. Consideration and action on an "Order of Election" calling a Special Election for proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Copperas Cove to be held on May 3, 2003, and approving Ordinance No. 2003-03 outlining the election procedures. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-03. Council Member Owsley seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-03**

**AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE; DESIGNATING MAY 3, 2003 AS THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD OF VOTING; PROVIDING FOR ABSENTEE VOTING; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to sign a "Certification of Local Government Approval of Emergency Shelter Grant Program Application for Private Nonprofit Organization" form for the Refuge Corporation to include in a grant application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

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

Joseph Solomon, Refuge Corporation, Executive Director, explained how the grant monies would help prevent homelessness, and give assistance to the rent and utility programs the Refuge Corporation has to offer. Mr. Solomon stated "We desperately need these funds". Mr. Solomon thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

8. Consideration and action on appointment of a Board of Director Member to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission. **Amy Anderson, Recycling Coordinator**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve appointing Monica Hull as a Board of Director Member to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

#### **J. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Report on the Blue Santa Program. **Kelly Dix, Executive Secretary**

Kelly Dix, Executive Secretary to the City Manager representing the 2002 Blue Santa Program. Kelly Dix stated that 623 children were given new toys this past Holiday Season. The Blue Santa Program was a huge success. Kelly Dix gave thanks and recognition to the many individuals and organizations for their participation and generosity.

Council Member Clayton said Charter Amendment Proposition Five would enable the City to donate bicycles to the Blue Santa Program and other charitable organizations and events.

**K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.**

**L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None.**

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.**

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

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary