

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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 7:10 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gallen 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 (excused absence)

Steven Alexander, City Manager
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary
James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Harris

- America's Promise organization held a Golf Course Tournament on February 15, 2003. Many thanks to all of the organizations that helped to sponsor the event, and raise funds for America's Promise.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz

- Thanks to Desirae Clark for organizing the "God Bless America" "God Bless our Troops" event at the Lea Ledger Auditorium held on Friday, February 28th.

City Secretary, Pamela Russell

- Remember to Register to Vote! The deadline to register to vote is April 3, 2003, in order to be eligible to vote in the May 3, 2003, General and Special City Elections. All registered voters should be in possession of an orange colored card issued in 2002. Post card voter registration applications are available at City Hall, the Public Library, and County Annex. For additional information, please contact the Voter Registrar at 865-5911 Ext. 231. If you are a resident of the City of Copperas Cove, located in Lampasas County, contact the Voter registrar at 512-556-8271 Ext. 37

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Proclamation – Support of the President of the United States of America.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation supporting the actions of President Bush during the necessary actions now being undertaken regarding the conflict with Saddam Hussien of Iraq.

Citizens attending the City Council meeting gave a round of applause in support of the proclamation.

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^h Street. The "Beautification Committee" recently formed in Copperas Cove will have a big challenge with all of the abandoned buildings and rotting homes around the City. Ms. Steel requested the City take action against owners of such properties.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from February 25, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

2. Consideration and action on authorizing the award of Bid No. 2003-09-53, 2003 Street HMAC Overlay Project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$60,798.95 with Woodard Construction. **Paul M. Boyer, P.E., City Engineer**

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent items 1, and 2. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2003-05 granting Hamilton Electric Cooperative Association, its successors and assigns, an electric light, heat, and power franchise and providing for street rental charge. **James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney**

Speaking For: None.

Speaking Against: None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of a Water Purchase Contract with Central Texas College. **Robert M. McKinnon, Director of Water/Wastewater**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve item I-1 as read. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2003-06 providing for a statement expressing official intent to reimburse costs of the 2003 Certificates of Obligation Capital Improvement Program related to the FM 1113 Sidewalk Project. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager / Director of Finance**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-06. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-06

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO FINANCE EXPENDITURES TO BE INCURRED

3. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2003-07 providing for a statement expressing official intent to reimburse costs of the 2003 Certificates of Obligation Capital Improvement Program related to the construction and expansion of Constitution Road. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager / Director of Finance**

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-07. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-07

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO FINANCE EXPENDITURES TO BE INCURRED

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report for the month ended November 30, 2002. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/ Director of Finance**

2. Financial Report for the month ended December 31, 2002. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/ Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/ Director of Finance gave the financial reports for both the month ended November 30, 2002 and the month ended December 31, 2002.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Clayton – Requested the City Manager provide the City Council and Citizens with the financial impact of tearing down or condemning structures that have fallen into a state of disrepair.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Interim City Attorney.

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

3. Pursuant to §551.072 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to deliberate on the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

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 8:51 p.m.

Mayor Nauert announced Executive Session items M1, M2 and M3 were for information purposes only, and no action would be taken.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary