

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 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 7:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz 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

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

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Smith

- A big thank you to everyone that participated in the Copperas Cove Birthday party. A special thank you to the Solid Waste and Street Departments for their assistance with getting everything set up. We hope everyone will be with us again next year to celebrate Cove's 125th Birthday!

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz

- The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce has kicked off its "Yellow Ribbon" campaign. You can display the ribbons on business store fronts, or on front doors. The ribbons reflect our continued support for the soldiers and the families of our troops that have been deployed.

City Secretary, Pamela Russell

- Thursday, April 3, 2003 is the last day to submit a voter registration application, in order to be able to vote in the City of Copperas Cove General and Special Election on May 3, 2003. Voter Registration applications are available at City Hall, the Public Library, Municipal Court, and the Police Department.
- Information on the Special Election for proposed amendments to the City of Copperas Cove Charter is available at City Hall, and the Civic Center. A list of the proposed Charter amendments will be published twice consecutively in the Copperas Cove Leader Press, beginning next week. For further City election

questions or concerns, please contact the office of the City Secretary, City Hall at 547-4221.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – Don't Mess With Texas Trash - Off Day 2003.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Amy Anderson, Recycling Coordinator. Amy Anderson gave an overview of the events scheduled to take place in Copperas Cove on Trash Off Day, organized by the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Committee. Amy Anderson also asked for adult volunteers with the project.

- 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.

No one spoke at citizen's forum.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from March 18, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve consent item # 1. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on the appointment/reappointment of three individuals to the Library Advisory Board. **Peg Fleet, Library Director**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to appoint Peggy Youngs, Marion Palumbo, and Donald Conkling to the Library Advisory Board to serve for a term of March 31, 2003 thru March 30, 2006. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on approving Ordinance No. 2003-06 - adding Section 18-16.7, Speed Limits – Lutheran Church Road, Code of Ordinances, to establish speed limits on Lutheran Church Road within the City Limits. **Paul M. Boyer, City Engineer**

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-06. Council Member Owsley seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS ADDING A NEW SECTION 18-16.7, SPEED LIMITS – LUTHERAN CHURCH ROAD; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

3. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2003-11 authorizing and supporting the submission of an Emergency Management Plan to the Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management, and authorizing the Emergency Management Coordinator to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the Emergency Management activities. ***Bruce Woods, Fire Chief***

Bruce Woods, Fire Chief gave an overview of the City of Copperas Cove Emergency Management Plan. Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-11. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR 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 REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Presentation from Fort Hood Family Housing. ***Carol Anderson, Chief of Housing Services Branch***

Steven Alexander, City Manager noted that Carol Anderson was not present, and he would try to reschedule the presentation for the next City Council meeting.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

1. Operation Support Task Force Committee - Update on regional and local military and family support efforts. ***Bradi D. Diaz, Chairman***

Bradi Diaz, Operation Support Task Force Committee Chairman, gave an update on regional and local military and family support efforts.

Since February 25, 2003 the date of my last report:

1. I attended a meeting hosted by the Garrison Chaplain Col Schannep where local pastors were invited to visit the Chaplin's Family Life Center in an effort to organize coordination of our community faith-based organizations and Fort Hood's efforts in that same area. This came as a welcomed opportunity since the local Mayors requested we add faith-based organizations to our committee. I feel our committee is now in the loop where these matters are concerned.
2. Met with the Commanding General of Fort Hood, General Metz, the topic was to discuss blending the energy and resources of the Support Task Force with the regional AUSA community to support Fort Hood soldiers and their families especially during these months of deployment. The concept of an Adopt-A-Unit program has been discussed on numerous occasions and it was decided that the Task Force and local AUSA chapter would work together to organize and implement this concept.
3. Area Chambers, Temple, Harker Heights, Killeen and Copperas Cove will present a "Personal and Home Security Seminar". The event will take place at the Bell County Expo Center on Tuesday, April 14th from 5-8 p.m. Al Corbi will present his techniques for personal safety as well as home and business security and will gear his presentation for families of deployed soldiers. Call 547-7571 for more information.
4. The Cove Chamber as arranged to provide large weatherproof yellow ribbons to be displayed by local businesses on storefronts, light posts, front doors, etc. The ribbons are free so stop by the Chamber and get yours today.
5. The Cove Card will soon be made available to the families of deployed military personnel. This card will provide them with discounts or special deals offered by Copperas Cove member businesses.
6. Cove Cares insert in water bills. Those of you who receive a City of Copperas Cove water bill may remember a Fort Hood Cares insert produced by the office of the Garrison Commander providing contact information for Fort Hood help agencies. The City and Chamber are in the process of producing this same document with Copperas Cove specific information to include those offered through our faith-based community.
7. The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce continues to act as Copperas Cove's information clearinghouse. Any individual requiring information about services on or off post should call the Chamber 547-7571.

It is the intent of this task force to help organize and stream line community support for our region. We are at the disposal of the office of the Garrison Commander and the Department of Community Activities. We encourage any civic organization, community interest group or faith-based organization that would like to help in our endeavors to contact the Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce at 547-7571.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pursuant to §551.072 of the Open Meetings Act. <i>Tex. Gov't Code</i>, Council will meet in Executive Session to deliberate on the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. |
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Mayor Nauert announced that the executive session item M-1 on the agenda had been pulled.

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 7:25 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary