

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 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 Smith 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 J. Alexander, City Manager  
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary  
James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Harris

- The YMCA, Ameri-Corps, along with Proctor and Gamble have given items to deploying troops and their family members, these items are now at Abrams Field House. Frank Gallow, Head of the YMCA has sent an e-mail to give notification that limited funding is available to service members and their families as a result of loss of life or injury as a result of the war in Iraq. To request financial assistance contact the Senior Chaplain at Fort Hood.
- Fort Hood has asked all civic organizations to adopt and partner with a unit. The City of Copperas Cove has partnered with the whole of 1<sup>st</sup> Cav, but organizations and civic groups can adopt certain units.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz

- The Chamber of Commerce is looking for previous festival queens to feature in the upcoming parade. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 547-7571.
- The U.S. Department of Defense has issued a Troop Support Mail Policy, necessary for force protection preserve. The policy is asking that mail be sent to deployed service members only from family, loved ones, and personal friends.

Steven J. Alexander, City Manager

- There has been a substantial improvement to our government access channel scroll screen. The new system has many improved features. If you have any suggestions for further improvements or comments on the new system, please call the City Manager's office.

Pamela Russell, City Secretary

- Early Voting begins on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at City Hall, 8 a.m. thru 5 p.m. Early Voting will be held thru Tuesday, April 29 except for the Good Friday Holiday, and the weekends. Election Day is Saturday, May 3, 2003. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Voting on Election Day will be held at the Copperas Cove Civic Center.

Mayor Nauert

- The City of Copperas Cove has always been proud of its heroes and our service members. The City of Copperas Cove would like to convey their thoughts, and prayers and thanks for the release and safe return of Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Williams. He was captured on March 24<sup>th</sup> when he and Chief Warrant Officer 2, Ronald Young were forced to land their helicopter south of Baghdad, when the helicopter had been hit by enemy fire. They were captured by hostile forces, and were listed as P.O.W.'s until they were released to the Marines in the City of Tirkit on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Council, the City and Staff are very proud to welcome Chief Warrant Officer Williams home to Copperas Cove.

## **E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

1. Proclamation – National Day of Prayer.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Peggy Thompson. Peggy Thompson thanked the City Council for their continued support, and gave thanks for living in Copperas Cove, the State of Texas and our great nation the United States of America.

2. Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off – Certificates of Appreciation.

Mayor Nauert, and Amy Anderson, Recycling Coordinator presented certificates of appreciation to the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell County, Boy Scouts of America, JROTC Corps of Cadets (Copperas Cove High School), CARES (Copperas Cove High School).

- 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.

Paul Florio, 507 Clara. Golf Course Association President. Mr. Florio said he wanted to say how pleased the Association is with all the good things that have been happening at the golf course. When you first enter the Golf Course pro shop you are greeted like a customer. The association is in almost total agreement with all the new projects that have been planned for the course. The course is now being run professionally with credit to Daryl Eschelman, Golf Professional. The association is now raising money for a new aerator.

**G. CONSENT ITEMS**

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

Council Member Smith 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**

1a. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2003-07 changing the current taxicab rates for companies which are permitted to provide taxicab service within the City limits of the City of Copperas Cove. **James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney**

James Thompson, Interim City Attorney gave an overview of the proposed taxi cab ordinance and the research and input that had taken place over the past year to bring this ordinance before the City Council.

Speaking For: Clarence Paige - 342 Cove Terrace.

Speaking Against: No one.

1b. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2003-07 changing the current taxicab rates for companies which are permitted to provide taxicab service within the City limits of the City of Copperas Cove. **James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney**

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

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS CHANGING THE CURRENT TAXICAB RATES FOR TAXICAB COMPANIES PERMITTED TO PROVIDE TAXICAB SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action on the appointment of four (4) Board of Director Members to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission. **Amy L. Anderson, Recycling Coordinator**

Amy Anderson said that four members of the commission had to resign for various reasons. Council Member Gallen made a motion to appoint Frank D. Somera, Jr., Mary Pat Seal, Christi Myers, Daetha J. Rankin, to the Board of Directors of Keep Copperas

Cove Beautiful Commission. Council Member Diaz seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2003-08 amending the City's "Fee Schedule". **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Daryl Eschelman, Golf Course Professional gave an overview of the change in fees pertaining to the Golf Course. Daryl Eschelman explained that the change in the golf course fee structure will eliminate a lot of the confusion over some of the area rates.

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-08. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**J. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Financial Report for the month ended February 28, 2003. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager / Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager / Director of Finance gave the financial report for the month ended February 28, 2003. Mayor Nauert thanked the citizens for shopping Copperas Cove. Council Member Smith gave praise to Mr. Camareno for his presentation of the financial report and color graphs.

**K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**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 7:57 p.m.

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Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary