

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 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

Council Member Harris 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 Smith

- Friday, May 23, 2003 the Lea Ledger Freedom Shrine dedication will be sponsored by the two Exchange Clubs of Copperas Cove, this event is open to the public.
- Thanks to all of the City Staff who helped with the Rabbit Fest this past weekend. Special thanks to City Electricians, Joe Roach and James Dixon, who were fantastic! Thanks to the police officers, and especially Lt. Austin. Thanks also to the Parks and Recreation Department, and Code Enforcement. They all did a fantastic job, thank you.

Council Member Owsley

- The City of Copperas Cove has an ordinance which prohibits animals running loose, and animals on a leash from pooping in other people's yards. If your animals poop, carry a scoop!

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Oath of Office to Newly Elected Mayor, Rodney G. Nauert, City Council Member Position One, Bradi D. Diaz, and Council Member Position Two, Ray Don Clayton. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary.***

Pamela Russell, City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Mayor, Rodney G. Nauert, Council Member Position One, Bradi Diaz, and Council Member Position Two, Ray Don Clayton, to serve a second the term of office for the period of May 20, 2003 thru May 6, 2006.

2. Proclamation – “True Copperas Cove Hero”, Katie Burak. **Bruce Woods, FireChief.**

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Katie Burak, age two years old. The audience gave a round of applause to Katie and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burak.

3. Certificates of Appreciation. **Jim Rudd, Director of General Services, CCISD.**

Dr. Rose Cameron, Executive Assistant to the C.C.I.S.D. Superintendent and Jim Rudd Director of General Services, C.C.I.S.D., presented certificates of appreciation to recognize the City Secretary, Pamela Russell and Alternate City Secretary, Angelia Briggs, and thanked them both for the congeniality and cooperation of the City working together with C.C.I.S.D. during the election process.

- 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 – Stated she was confused after reading the community profile section of the new telephone directory, concerning “bountiful parks and recreation facilities in the City of Copperas Cove”, and questioned why are we willing to sacrifice land at the cemetery for parks.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

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| 1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from May 6, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting. Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary |
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| 2. Consideration and action on approval of Resolution No. 2003-14 authorizing the submission of a grant application to Texas STEP for a grant enabling the City of Copperas Cove Police Department to reduce the use and distribution of tobacco products pertaining to minors. Lt. Danny Austin, Crime Prevention Officer |
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Resolution No. 2003-14 caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO TEXAS STEP FOR A GRANT ENABLING THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE THE EXTENT TO WHICH CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE SOLD TO OR DISTRIBUTED TO MINORS.

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION – None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem to serve for a period of one (1) year and who shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to appoint Bradi Diaz to serve as Mayor Pro Tem to serve for a period of one (1) year and who shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on appointments/reappointments to the Copperas Cove Cemetery Advisory Board. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to appoint Michael Morales to Position Three, re-appoint Annie Hoffpauir to Position Four, re-appoint Don Hollingsworth to Position Five, and appoint Barbara Gividen to Position Six. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion. City Secretary, Pamela Russell stated that Mr. Don Hollingsworth was not an applicant for the Cemetery Advisory Board; and in a recent telephone conversation with the City Secretary Mr. Hollingsworth had stated he did not wish to be reconsidered for this board appointment. Council Member Owsley retracted Mr. Don Hollingsworth's name for Position Five on the Cemetery Advisory Board, and made the motion that Carol Golding be appointed to Position Five. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote motion carried.

Terms of office will be as follows:

Michael Morales, Position Three - June 3, 2003 thru June 7, 2005.

Annie Hoffpauir, Position Four – June 3, 2003 thru June 7, 2005.

Carol Golding, Position Five – June 3, 2003 thru June 7, 2005.

Barbara Gividen, Position Six – June 3, 2003 thru June 8, 2004.

3. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute an Inter-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Copperas Cove, Coryell County and all municipalities located in Coryell County for the purpose of coordinating mutual aid responses to disasters and to civil emergencies. **Bruce Woods, Fire Chief**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve item #3 as presented. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion. Bruce Woods, Fire Chief gave an overview of the Mutual Aid Agreement. With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

4. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2003-15 supporting the preservation of public transit funding as found in the existing transportation code and opposing legislation that diminishes local authority and local control over our transit system. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-15 as presented. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion. Council Member Owsley gave an overview of Resolution No. 2003-15. With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Resolution No. 2003-15 caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE SUPPORTING A JOINT PETITION TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY AND THE WACO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report for the City of Copperas Cove for the month ended March 31, 2003. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager / Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/ Director of Finance said that he would be presenting the financial report with the aid of a power point presentation, to include charts and graphs. Mr. Camareno stated that this information will be available on the TV local government access channel, hopefully at the next City Council Meeting. Council Member Harris complimented Mr. Camareno on the slide presentation and stated "You are a municipal saint!"

2. Financial Report for the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation for the month ended March 31, 2003. **Carol Mills, EDC, Executive Director**

Gretta Davidson, Office Manager, Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation gave the financial report for the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation for the month ended March 31, 2003.

3. Department of Solid Waste Staff Presentation on Brush Collection. **Richard Davis, Director of Solid Waste**

Richard Davis, Director of Solid Waste gave each Council Member a sample of the new plastic biodegradable bags. Richard Davis asked that citizens only place grass and leaves in the bags, and place them in a shady place, as sunlight will begin the biodegradable process. Both paper and plastic biodegradable bags can be purchased at the Solid Waste Facility, City Hall, and the Utility Administration Building. Beginning June 2nd, the Solid Waste Department will start offering a once a week collection of paper and plastic bags, which need to be put out with regular trash on the scheduled collection day. Brush collection will be on the regular schedule. The Solid Waste

Department is requesting input from the citizens on this additional service and the new plastic bags. Richard Davis also announced that the Solid Waste Department will be hosting a "Spring Clean Up", on May 30, 2003, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and on June 28, 2003, the "First Hazardous Clean Up Event" 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m., will take place at the Solid Waste Facility.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None.

Mayor Nauert closed the regular session at 7:55 p.m.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 concerning the appointment of the Acting City Manager.

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

Mayor Nauert reopened the Open Session of the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Mayor Nauert announced that agenda item M1 was for information purposes only, and no action would be taken.

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

Council Member Clayton made a motion to appoint Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance to the position of Acting City Manager, in the absence of the City Manager. Mayor Pro Tem Diaz seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary

