

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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 7:06 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 - absent
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 Owsley

- On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, on July 17 there will be a class given at the Civic Center on proper tree care and management, sponsored by Coryell County Extension office, contact Lyle Zoller at the Coryell Extension Office at 254-865-2414 for further information.

Council Member Harris

- There is a move to establish a "2-1-1 Dial In" for social services, and hopefully soon will be a free web site.
- Yesterday, an America's Promise Representative came to visit us from Washington, D.C.; after listening to a presentation from Charlotte Heinze, the representative called the head office and moved us up to a "Priority Community", the next step is to become a "Demonstration Community".

Council Member Heinze

- On Sunday, July 27 America's Promise, the Boys and Girls Club and other organizations will be hosting National Kids Day at the City Park, come out as a family and enjoy the free food, fun and games from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Mayor Nauert

- All citizens are invited to attend a "Welcome Home Reception" at the Allin House to honor ex- P.O.W. CW2 David Williams. Show your appreciation of our troops and the sacrifices they are making for us. I encourage all citizens to attend.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – Chief Warrant Officer, David William’s Day.

Mayor Nauert announced this proclamation would be presented at the reception tomorrow evening to CW2 David Williams.

2. Proclamation – National Kids Day.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Sandy Vegh of the Boys and Girls Club. Sandy Vegh invited everyone to attend National Kids Day on Sunday, July 27th, which will be sponsored by America’s Promise and the Boys and Girls Club. There will be free food for everyone.

3. Proclamation – National Night Out

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Lt. Danny Austin, Copperas Cove Police Department. Lt. Austin thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support for the National Night Out event. Lt. Austin encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy free BBQ sandwiches and free drinks, he stated this was a community effort when everyone can have a lot of fun. If you want to organize a block party, please contact the Police Department.

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. Wanted to know why Wal-Mart was selling fire crackers and stated she did not think that should be allowed. Mrs. Steele also complained that kids were letting off fire crackers in the cemetery. Mrs. Steele thanked the Street Department for cleaning her street. Mrs. Steele questioned properties that need to be condemned.

Council Member Heinze stated that Wal-Mart was not selling fire crackers, the items were party poppers that looked like fire crackers.

City Attorney, James Thompson stated the condemnation ordinance would be going before the City Council on the second regular meeting in August.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

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

2. Consideration and action on rescheduling the date of the first regular meeting in October from October 7, 2003 to October 14, 2003. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent items No. 1, and No. 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 Resolution No. 2003-21 providing for a statement expressing official intent to reimburse costs of the 2003 Certificates of Obligation Capital Improvement Project. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/ Director of Finance**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-21. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion. Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager gave an overview of Resolution No. 2003-21 With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-21

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO FINANCE EXPENDITURES TO BE INCURRED

2. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2003-18 amending the City's "Fee Schedule". **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-18. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion. Darrell Eshelman, Golf Course Professional, gave an overview of the changes to the golf course fees. With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-18

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.

3. Consideration and action on granting a non-exclusive ambulance license to Capital Ambulance for the purpose of the operation of a non-emergency ambulance service within the City of Copperas Cove. **Bruce Woods, Fire Chief**

Council Member Clayton made a motion to approve item I-3. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion. Fire Chief, Bruce Woods gave an overview of the item. With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

4. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2003-17 repealing Chapter 5 of the City of Copperas Cove Code of Ordinances and adopting new rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of the municipal cemetery. **James R. Thompson, City Attorney**

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-17. Council Member Harris seconded the motion. Council Member Owsley moved to accept the motion with the following amendments to Ordinance No. 2003-17: Section 5-3(1) Shall read: "from dawn to dusk" rather than 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Section 5-6(7) shall read: "except when authorized by the City Manager". Council Member Gallen stated that 5-7(2) shall read "as stated in the fee schedule". With a unanimous vote, all in favor. Council Member Owsley called a point of order. A vote was then taken on the amended ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS REPEALING CHAPTER 5-CEMETERIES AND ADOPTING THE NEW COPPERAS COVE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. EDC Financial Report for the month ended May 31, 2003. **Carol Mills, Executive Director of EDC**

Greta Davidson, EDC Office Manager gave the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation Financial Report for the month ended May 31, 2003.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 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.

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

Mayor Nauert closed the regular session of the meeting to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

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

Mayor Nauert re-opened the regular session of the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Mayor Nauert announced that Executive Session items M-1, and M-2, were for information purposes only, and no action would be taken.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary