

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2003 - 6:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodney G. Nauert called the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas to order at 6:00 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

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

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2003-25 amending the 2002-03 fiscal year budget for the City of Copperas Cove. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance stated: The 2002-03 budget was adopted on September 10, 2002. According to Section 6.16(b) (1) of the Copperas Cove City Charter, in order for the City Council to amend the current year budget it must first hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments. The Charter also provides a requirement that when fund balance is to be used to fund increases in expenditures that two public hearings be held. This proposed budget amendment will require use of fund balance. This public hearing is the first of the two that are required. The next public hearing will be held on September 16, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Nauert opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking For: None.

Speaking Against: None.

Mayor Nauert closed the Public Hearing

E. ACTION

1. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2003-26 approving and adopting a budget for operating the municipal government of the City of the Copperas Cove for fiscal year 2003-2004. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-26. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion.

Robert Camereno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance stated: All changes requested by the City Council and presented to the Council on September 2, 2003, have been inserted into the City Manager's Proposed Budget. The City Charter requires that the annual budget be adopted by the City Council no later than the fifteenth day of the month of September. Staff recommends that the City Council take action on Ordinance No. 2003-26 approving and adopting a budget for operating the municipal government of the City of Copperas Cove for fiscal year 2003-04. With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance Caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-26

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2003 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2004; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS ON ALL INDEBTEDNESS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2003-27 adopting the tax rate for fiscal year 2003-04. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-27 adopting the tax rate of 77.5 cents on each \$100 of the taxable assessed valuation. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion.

Robert Camereno, Assistance City Manager/Director of Finance stated: At the August 19, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting, the City Council took action to propose a tax rate of 77.50 cents per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. The proposed tax rate is 03.00 cents higher than the tax rate adopted for the 2002-03 fiscal year. The rollback tax rate and the effective tax rate were calculated by the Coryell County Tax Assessor and Collector, at 79.60 cents and 74.15 cents per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation respectively. Additionally, on September 2, 2003, the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove held a public hearing on the proposed tax rate.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Ordinance No. 2003-27 adopting the tax rate of the City of Copperas Cove for fiscal year 2003-2004.

With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-27

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, FOR THE 2003 TAX YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2003 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2004; APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING A SINKING FUND FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. Consideration and action on approval of Ordinance No. 2003-28 providing for the dismissal of TXU Gas Company's requested increase in rates in the event the Company fails to amend its Statement of Intent. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manger**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2003-28. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Steven Alexander City Manager gave an overview of Ordinance No. 2003-28. With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, PROVIDING FOR THE DISMISSAL OF TXU GAS COMPANY'S REQUESTED INCREASE IN RATES IN THE EVENT THE COMPANY FAILS TO AMEND ITS STATEMENT OF INTENT TO REMOVE INCREASES FOR PIPELINE SERVICES FROM ITS REQUESTED DISTRIBUTION RATES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

F. ADJOURMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC City Secretary