CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 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 7:20 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Owsley 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, City Attorney

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Smith

- I would like to wish everyone a safe Thanksgiving Holiday.
- The Krist Kindle Markt will be held in Downtown Copperas Cove, come on down and see us, and have a good time.

Council Member Owsley

- The Copperas Cove 4th Annual Thanksgiving feast will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2003 at the Civic Center, dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at City Hall, Turkey Creek, Parks and Recreation, the Senior Center, and the Salvation Army. This event is open to all seniors, low income, and young military families residing in Copperas Cove. Cove Taxi is providing free transportation for any seniors needing this service. Last year we served over 350 people at the dinner. Many thanks to Linda Tyler for all of her hard work on this project.

Council Member Harris

- The Town Hall meeting was a success thanks to the good work and organization of the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager.

Council Member Heinze

- The Copperas Cove Youth Advisory Committee will be collecting canned goods for food banks on Saturday, November 22, 2003 at Wal-Mart from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please donate to this worthy cause to help fill the food banks in Copperas Cove. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

- On December 6, 2003 the Hot Bowl will be taking place in Copperas Cove, along with the Downtown Krist Kindle Markt, come out and enjoy Copperas Cove.

Council Member Gallen

- I would like to commend City Staff for the Town Hall meeting that took place this past Saturday, the City Manager has informed me we will be doing another. This was a good opportunity to talk to the City Council and City Staff.
- Due to the high winds today, Parks and Recreation staff collected a lot of flowers from the cemetery today. The flowers are housed in the little building at the cemetery, and if you have any concerns, please call Linda Tyler, Community Services Director.

Council Member Clayton

- Thanks to City Staff for the Town Hall Meeting, it all turned out really well.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz

- I thoroughly enjoyed the Town Hall Meeting, it was very informative, and hopefully next year we will have more citizen participation. I would like to thank the citizens who came and took part.
- I would like to recognize Boy Scout Troop 238 and welcome them. They are here tonight to work on their merit and citizen badges.

Mayor Nauert

- Thanks to the VFW for a great parade, it was a great turn out and everything turned out well.
- The Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Thursday at the Civic Center. If anyone needs transportation, contact Kelli Dix at the City Manager's office.
- On behalf of the City Council I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – "Buddy Poppy, Honor the Dead by Helping the Living".

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Shirley Brast, Ladies Auxillary VFW, Post 8577.

F. CITIZENS' 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 November 4, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

2. Consideration and action on purchasing a Workman 3300 (full size utility vehicle) and two (2) ZTR deck mowers to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department for $33,996.00. These items will be purchased through Professional Turf Products using the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Program pricing. ***Linda Tyler, Director of Community Services***

3. Consideration and action on purchasing a Ford Expedition to be used by the Fire Department as an Incident Command Vehicle for $27,438.70 through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program. ***Bruce Woods, Fire Chief***

4. Consideration and action on approving Resolution No. 2003-36 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a capital lease agreement with Bank One Leasing Corporation of Columbus, OH for the purchase of a mobile aerial crane truck through Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative (H-GAC) in the amount of $93,301 at an interest rate of 3.3134 percent. ***Richard Davis, Solid Waste Director***

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent items 1, 2, 3, and 4. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BANK ONE LEASING CORPORATION OF COLUMBUS, OH AND THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE AND BANK ONE LEASING CORPORATION.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1. Public Hearing on modifications to the City's Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces. ***Linda Tyler, Director of Community Services***

Linda Tyler, Director of Community Services gave an overview of Agenda item # H-1, and introduced Gandolf Burrus of Grant Development Services. Mr. Burrus gave an informational report to all of the council members. Mr. Burrus stated that the report provides an estimated scoring projection for an application to TRPA for a $750,000 Indoor Recreation grant to partially fund a neighborhood pool complex to be located in the City of Copperas Cove. Charlotte Heinze requested indoor recreational facilities be considered. Linda Tyler gave an overview of the comments from the Town Hall Meeting of the requests from residents for additional parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Terry Beekman - 1004 Couples Street and Bernice Letzer - 2908 Oakhill Drive , provided input on Parks and Recreation programs needed.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on casting votes for the Coryell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. ***Steven J. Alexander, City Manager***

Council Member Owsley made a motion to re-appoint Council Member Annabelle Smith to the Coryell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report for the month ended September 30, 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 September 30, 2003.

2. EDC Financial Report for the month ended September 30, 2003. ***Carol Mills, Economic Development Corporation Executive Director***

Carol Mills, Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, made the following announcement: "The approval steps for the Land Exchange are complete. I am working on arranging a press conference, and as soon as those details have finalized I will give that information to you."
Carol Mills then gave the financial report for the month ended September 30, 2003.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None.

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 employment terms of the Municipal Judge.

Mayor Nauert closed the regular session of the meeting to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:07 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 8:50 p.m. Mayor Nauert announced that executive session agenda item M-1 was for information purposes only, and no action would be taken.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary