

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove Texas to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gatewood gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Bob Reeves
Ray Don Clayton
John Gallen
James Stockman
R. Ray Gatewood
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

- The City has built a beautiful pavilion at Ogletree Gap. On Friday, July 23, 2004 @ 5:30 p.m. will be the second of three concerts sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell county; tickets are \$10 and dinners are for sale at \$5 each. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Mayor Diaz

- The City was very proud to receive a plaque from General James Thurman. The plaque reads as follows: "The Commander's Certificate presented to the Community of Copperas Cove, Texas for unwavering and continued support to the soldiers and families of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized). The Copperas Cove Community's dedication and steadfast loyalty in supporting soldiers and their families has made a positive impact on the successful accomplishments of the Ironhorse Division. The actions of the Community members reflect distinct credit on them, the 4th Infantry Division and the United States Army. Signed July 14, 2004 Signed James D. Thurman, Major General, U.S. Army commander 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized)".

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – "National Night Out". *Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor*

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation and presented it to Lt. Austin, Copperas Cove Police Department. Lt. Austin thanked the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and the Citizens of Copperas Cove for the support they had given toward the 7th Annual National Night Out. Lt Austin also said there had been very generous monetary support from businesses and some of the Council members, and that the Police Department was very appreciative.

2. Proclamation – “Kids Day”. **Bradi D. Diaz**

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation and presented it to Jon Charles, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell County and several members of the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell County. Jon Charles said he was also representing the America's Promise Organization. Jon Charles expressed appreciation to the Mayor, City council and citizens for all of the help and support, and stated: We pledge to spend meaningful time with the kids.

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.

Diane Steele – 905 N. 4th Street. Thanked the people that signed the petition, both smokers and non smokers, the owner and staff of the Lil' Tex restaurant, the people who drove her to the petition signing locations: David Weber, Annie Hoffpaur and Nancy Baxter, thanks to the notaries Barbara Gividen and Larry Sheppard, thanks to the Petition Committee Members: Mary Anne and Kenneth Doyle, Ken Smith, and Roy Steele. Also thanks to Pamela Russell, City Secretary for working weekends to verify the signatures, and stated that this had been democracy in action.

Pamela Bond - 204 Allen Street – Read an article entitled “Me the Lousy Cop” written by State Trooper Mitchell Brown who was killed in the line of duty. Ms. Bond read the article in support of the Police Department and National Night Out.

G. **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from June 29, 2004 Special City Council Meeting, and July 6, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting.
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary

2. Consideration and action on authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and identifying a person to act on the City's behalf in administering the grant. **Jeri Denniston, Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst**

3. Consideration and action on authorizing a street closure for National Kid's Day on behalf of America's Promise and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Coryell County. **Tim Molnes, Police Chief**

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve Consent Items G-1, G-2, and G-3. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION – None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2004-16 amending Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-52 and 8-53 of the City of Copperas Cove Code of Ordinances. *James R. Thompson, City Attorney*

James Thompson, City Attorney gave an overview of Ordinance No. 2004-16. Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2004-16. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on the Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute a long term lease with Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway Company "BNSF" for the construction of a communications tower on Hogg Mountain and BNSF's forbearance in constructing the communications tower in the downtown area. *James R. Thompson, City Attorney*

James Thompson, City Attorney gave an overview of agenda item I-2. Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-2. Council Member Stockman seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS – None.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mayor Diaz – Requested the Strategic Plan Committee meet and revisit the top ten goals, after the Budget Meetings are over.

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 evaluation of the City Secretary.

Mayor Diaz closed the regular meeting to go into executive session at 7:32 p.m.

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

Mayor Diaz reconvened the regular meeting at 7:59 p.m. Mayor Diaz announced Executive Session item M-1 was for information purposes only, and no action would be taken.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Diaz stated the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary