

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2005 - 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 7:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gallen 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 Annual Copperas Cove Birthday Celebration will be held on March 26, in the downtown area, come and celebrate the 126 years of Copperas Cove. Lots of prizes and fun

Council Member Owsley

- Congratulations to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Easter Celebrations and activities; they did a good job.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Retirement Recognition – Michael Loven, Police Department. ***Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor.***

Mayor Diaz stated: Michael Loven was hired by the City of Copperas Cove Police Department as a patrolman on January 1, 1985, and ended his tenure with the City with the submission of his retirement effective February 28, 2005. One of the first to be selected, Officer Loven was trained for the Motorcycle Traffic division of the department when it was formed, and also aided in the instruction of the Citizen's Police Academy on traffic law enforcement. Mike acquired over 21 years of experience as a Police Officer with the Copperas Cove Police Department, and his continued dedication and commitment to the department and City are greatly appreciated.

Tim Molnes, Police Chief thanked Michael Loven for his years of service and presented him with his framed badge.

Mayor Diaz presented Michael Loven with a framed artwork on behalf of the City and thanked him for dedication to the City and for his service.

- 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.

Gilbert Diaz, Jr. – 1903 Henry, Copperas Cove.

Mr. Diaz thanked the Police Department for their good service within the community. Mr. Diaz expressed concerns that the City may be pursuing the purchase of tazer devices for the police department and stated strongly that he discouraged the use of these devices.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the March 1, 2005, Regular City Council Meeting and the March 5, 2005 Special City Council Meeting. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2005-11, amending Resolution No. 2005-01 calling for a General Election to elect Council Member Positions 6, and 7: to be held on May 7, 2005, and a Runoff Election on June 18, 2005 (if necessary); and outlining the election procedures, and the "Order of Election". **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1a. Public Hearing concerning acceptance of a petition for the voluntary annexation of a subdivision identified as The Meadows Phase I. **David Lilley, City Planner**

David Lilley, City Planner gave an overview of agenda item H1a.

Mayor Diaz opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking For: Jack Purcell, 1375 W. Avenue D.
Staff Engineer for the Developers.

Speaking Against: None.

Mayor Diaz closed the Public Hearing.

1b. Consideration and action concerning the acceptance of a petition for voluntary annexation of a tract of land containing 24.106 acres to be identified as The Meadows Phase I. **David Lilley, City Planner**

Council Member Clayton made a motion to approve agenda item H-1b. Council Member Owsley seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

1c. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2005-01, concerning the voluntary annexation of 24.106 acres in The Meadows Phase I. **David Lilley, City Planner**

Council Member Gatewood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2005-01. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2a. Public Hearing on acceptance of a final plat for The Meadows Subdivision, Phase I. **David Lilley, City Planner**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

2b. Consideration and action on acceptance of a final plat for The Meadows Subdivision, Phase I. **David Lilley, City Planner**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

3a. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2005-02, assigning permanent zoning designations to The Meadows Phase I. **David Lilley, City Planner**

David Lilley, City Planner gave an overview of Ordinance No. 2005-02

Mayor Diaz opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking For: Jack Purcell, 1375 W. Avenue D.
Staff Engineer for the Developer.

Speaking Against: None.

Mayor Diaz closed the Public Hearing.

3b. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2005-02, assigning permanent zoning designations to The Meadows Phase I. **David Lilley, City Planner**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2005-02. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on the appointment of an Alternate City Secretary. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Council Member Gatewood made a motion to approve agenda item I-1, Council Member Gallen seconded the motion. Mayor Diaz stated that the appointment needed to be named. Council Member Gatewood amended the motion to appoint Lisa Wilson as the Alternate City Secretary, Council Member Gallen seconded the amendment to the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on approving the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Christine Julius, Assistant Director of Finance stated: Under the direction of Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance the City received for the 14th year straight the GFOA Award. Christine Julius thanked the Mayor and City Council and City Manager for their support. The City Council gave a round of applause.

Christine Julius introduced Michael Firth, CPA of Lott Vernon and Company. Mr Firth gave an overview of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-2. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report for the month ended January 31, 2005. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Jeri Denniston, Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst gave the financial report for the month ended January 31, 2005.

2. 2004 Texas Book Festival Grant. **Peg Fleet, Library Director**

Peg Fleet, Library Director stated at the 2004 Texas Book Festival held in Austin five technology grants were awarded. The Copperas Cove Public Library was awarded a grant to provide funding to implement the library catalog going on line and the purchase of two new computers.

3. Fire Department Annual Report. **Dennis Haas, Fire Chief**

Dennis Haas, Fire Chief gave the Annual Report for the Fire Department and thanked the Mayor and City Council for all of their continued support.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

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

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Diaz stated the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary