

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 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 7:11 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

Bob Reeves
Ray Don Clayton
John Gallen
James Stockman
R. Ray Gatewood
Fred Harris
Frank D. Somera, Jr.

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

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Gallen – Condolences to Buddy Southards; his wife passed away this week.

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood – Please be cautious and practice “Halloween Safety” during the forthcoming Halloween events.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation –“Municipal Court Week”. ***Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor***

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation and presented it to Luveda Posey, Assistant Municipal Court Supervisor. Ms. Posey on behalf of the Municipal Court staff thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation and their continued support of the department.

2. Presentation – “To the Leadership of the Emergency Operations Center”.
R. Ray Gatewood, Mayor Pro Tem

During Hurricane Rita, the City of Copperas Cove set in place the Emergency Operation Center in order to take care of those evacuees that found their way to Copperas Cove. I would like to show appreciation to the Leadership of the EOC during that time, all of these individuals made sure our City was well represented:

Deputy Fire Chief, Robert O’Dell, Fire Chief, Dennis Haas, City Manager, Steven Alexander, and Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz.

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood stated thanks for the long hours and dedication of the EOC leadership and stated their hard work was truly appreciated.

Mayor Diaz gave thanks to the leadership of the EOC and the support of the City Council during the time the EOC was operational and stated that the City of Copperas Cove stood up for the Rita evacuees and everyone did an excellent job. Mayor Diaz, Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood, and City Manager, Steven Alexander also gave praise and recognition to the many volunteers that were working in the shelters during this time.

City Manager, Steven Alexander stated that the Mayor had put in a tremendous amount of hours at the EOC and shelters and wanted everyone to know, that as an elected official she does not get paid to perform these kinds of tasks, and that to witness a political official put in that many hours and such dedication that is impressive, and humbling to see that level of civic mindedness.

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. Mrs. Steele stated it was obvious that voluntary compliance of code compliance was not being met, and it was disturbing. It is unrealistic to have only two code enforcement officers for a city this size. “Shame on folks that do not take care of their properties” Mrs. Steele requested the City Council amend the budget and hire more Code Enforcement personnel.

Annabelle Smith - 904 Holly Street. Mrs. Smith stated that on October 8, the Exchange Club held its Annual Golf Tournament and the Exchange Club made over \$7,000 to help support programs throughout the City. Congratulations to the golf course personnel they were stupendous! We had 82 golfers and have received so many compliments. Ogletree Gap Festival took place this past weekend, and I want to express many thanks to teams that participated and thanks to the Parks Department for stepping up to the plate for making an outstanding breakfast! Thanks to the City Council Members that attended the opening ceremonies, and thanks to Mark Easter for working almost the whole weekend until we got him married on Saturday evening! A reminder that the Downtown Association will be hosting its Annual Safe Halloween night with plenty of prizes, activities, competitions, fun and games for the whole family on October 31, 2005.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

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| 1. Consideration and action on Resolution 2005-31 adopting the investment policy of the City of Copperas Cove. <i>Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance</i> |
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Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent item G-1. Council Member Somera seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-31

AS RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on the appointment of one (1) position the Board of Directors of the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation. ***Carol Mills, EDC Executive Director***

Carol Mills, EDC Executive Director gave an overview of agenda item I-1.

Council Member Reeves made a motion to appoint Council Member, Ray Don Clayton to the Board of Directors of the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation. Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on a nomination for a board member to serve on the Coryell County Appraisal District. ***Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance***

Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-2.

Council Member Harris made a motion to nominate Annabelle Smith to serve as a board member on the Coryell County Appraisal District. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

3. Consideration and action on approving Ordinance No. 2005-24 providing for the issuance and sale of City of Copperas Cove, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2005, in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,050,000; levying a tax in payment thereof; prescribing the terms provisions of said certificates; awarding the sale thereof, and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. ***Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance***

Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance gave an overview of Ordinance No. 2005-24, and stated: On September 20, 2005, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2005-29, giving Notice of Intent to issue the following water capital improvement projects for the City of Copperas Cove:

East Pump Station & Ground Storage Tank	W & S Fund	\$1,380,000
Turkey Run Pump Station Improvements	W & S Fund	868,000
Hogg Mountain Water Tank	W & S Fund	<u>743,000</u>
TOTAL PROJECTED COSTS		\$2,991,000

Costs of Issuance	<u>59,000</u>
TOTAL ISSUANCE	\$3,050,000

The City received three proposals from various banks within the City. The lowest proposal was 3.63 percent. As a result of the proposals that were received, the total interest expense is roughly \$435,000 less than the amount budgeted using a 4.5 percent interest rate. In addition, the total debt service dropped from \$110,000 to \$85,000 in the first year. Since there will be no capitalized interests, the total debt issuance has dropped from \$3,080,000 to \$3,050,000. Staff recommends that the City Council approve Ordinance No. 2005-24 providing for the issuance and sale of the City of Copperas Cove Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2005.

Bruce Emery, Water/Wastewater Engineer gave an overview of the three projects; which are: Hogg Mountain, East Pump Station and Ground Storage Tank, and Turkey Run Pump Station Improvements.

Gary Kimball, First Southwest Company, summarized the process of issuance and sale of the City of Copperas Cove Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2005.

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2005-24. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2005, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,050,000; LEVYING A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SAID CERTIFICATES; AWARDED THE SALE OF THEREOF, AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

4. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2005-25 amending water rates for fiscal year 2005-2006. ***Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance***

Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance gave an overview of Ordinance No. 2005-25.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2005-25. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AMENDING WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

5. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to amend an agreement with the American Family Entertainment Centers (AFEC), LLC entered into in accordance with Section 380 of the Local Government Code.
Steven J. Alexander, City Manager

Steven J. Alexander, City Manager gave an overview of agenda item I-5. Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood made a motion to approve agenda item I-5. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

6. Consideration and action on Resolution 2005-32 authorizing the suspension of the effective date of the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) adjustments for calendar year 2004, and other matters related thereto.
Steven J. Alexander, City Manager

Steven J. Alexander, City Manager gave an overview of agenda item I-6. Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-6. Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (GRIP) ADJUSTMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2004, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED HERETO

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. EDC Financial Report for the month ended August 31, 2005. **Carol Mills, EDC Executive Director**

Carol Mills, EDC Executive Director gave the financial report for the month ended August 31, 2005.

2. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Copperas Cove. **Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance**

Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance reported to the City Council that the City of Copperas Cove had received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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 7:58 p.m.

Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary