

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 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 7:00 p.m.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**C. ROLL CALL**

Bob Reeves (excused absence)  
Ray Don Clayton (excused absence)  
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

- Everyone is invited to the Copperas Cove 126<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on March 26<sup>th</sup> - free cake and ice cream!

Council Member Owsley

- On April 8th, and 9th, the American Cancer Society will host the "Relay for Life" in Copperas Cove. The high school students are spear heading the organization of this event, and the City will be putting a team together to participate.

Council Member Gatewood

- Expressed thanks to the citizens who attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and march. Appreciation and many thanks to Copperas Cove Independent School District Superintendent, Dr. Acker who gave a super remarks at the ceremony, also thanks to the Police Department for the escort. I hope the event will be better attended next year.

Council Member Gallen

- The Polar Bear Club will be meeting on Saturday, January 29th at Noon at the City Park pool for the annual dip, dive and splash, come and join the fun!

Mayor Diaz

- The City of Copperas Cove will be holding a General Election on Saturday, May 7, 2005 to elect Council Member Positions: Six and Seven. Candidate packets will be available February 25, 2005 from the City Secretary's office at City Hall. Candidates may file for one of the two positions 8 a.m. thru 5 p.m. February 7, 2005 thru March 7, 2005. If you require additional information on the City Election, please contact Pamela Russell, City Secretary at 547-4221.

## E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Presentation – "Women of Distinction" Awards 2005. **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz introduced Barbara Simpson, Representative of the Bluebonnet Girl Scouts. The "Women of Distinction Award 2005" was presented to Sherry Hoffpauir, Annette Kemp, and Gail Milligan, all ladies were presented with a certificate and bouquet of flowers. All present gave the award recipients a round of applause. Prior years' award recipients were also recognized and presented with a bouquet of flowers to include Mayor Diaz.

- ## 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.

Colleen Ezell - 307 Pinto Drive. Queried if there were any plans to build a new Civic Center, and if so, offered support to assist with fund raising. Ms. Ezell also complained about the expense of school taxes. The City Attorney explained that school taxes were an issue to be addressed to the School Board. The City Manager offered to meet with Ms. Ezell and relevant staff to address her various concerns regarding the City.

Marty Martinez – Military Order of the Purple Heart: Centex Chapter 1876 Commander. Mr. Martinez invited all of the City Council to attend the Purple Heart Ball scheduled for February 19, 2005, from 6-11 p.m. at the Copperas Cove Civic Center, and requested sponsorship of a table for this worthy event.

## G. CONSENT ITEMS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the January 4, 2005, Regular City Council Meeting. <b>Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary</b></li> </ol> |
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Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent item G-1. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

## I. ACTION ITEMS

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| <p>Consideration and action on a proposal to purchase two (2) Ford F-450, 4-Wheel drive, Flatbed trucks for \$29,376 per vehicle (to be outfitted and equipped as brush fire fighting vehicles). <b>Dennis Haas, Fire Chief</b></p> |
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Dennis Haas, Fire Chief gave an overview of agenda item I-1. Council Member Smith made a motion to approve agenda item I-1. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**J. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Extending Business Hours at the Utility Administration Department.  
**Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance stated in March 2004 the City offered automatic bank drafting for utility payments also offered on-line utility services in November 2004. The City will be expanding hours of service at Utility Administration. The new hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., effective January 24, 2005. This will provide more flexibility for our customers.

**K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.**

**L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Pursuant to §551.072 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the regular session of the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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

Mayor Diaz reopened the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Mayor Diaz announced that Executive Session item M-1 was for information purposes only and no action was taken

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Diaz stated the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary