

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 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 "Big Garage Sale" will be held in the downtown area on Saturday, June 4th.

Council Member Owsley

- Thanks to all of the Council Members. This will be my last meeting tonight, and I want to state that I appreciate how this council has worked well together for at least the past four years.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Presentation – recognition and farewell to Mayor Pro Tem, Bud Owsley.
Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz

Mayor Diaz stated that Council Member, Bud Owsley was a man of his word, thanked him for his leadership and stated that the City of Copperas Cove is a better place thanks to your commitment to service to the community. On behalf of the City Council the Mayor presented Mayor Pro Tem Owsley with the "Key to the City" in appreciation of his serving as an elected official for the past six years.

Mayor Pro Tem Owsley gave the following farewell statement: Mayor and Council: please sit back and earn your \$25.00 while I thank some folks for their support over the

past six years. First, I would like to thank my pastor Dr. Mark Kemp for his support and prayers. Second, I would like to thank the citizens of this great city for their support and confidence they placed in me over the past six years. I realize we didn't always agree but they knew I would always vote for what I thought was in the best interest of all citizens and the future of Copperas Cove. Third, I would like to thank my fellow council members for their support. Fourth, I would like to thank Pam Russell, the best city secretary in Texas for her dedication to her job and for keeping the council informed. I would also like to thank Pam for all the personal visits during three surgeries. Her visits always made the day a little brighter. Fifth, I would like to thank Steve Alexander for his support. Folks, I am sure some of you will disagree with this statement. You have a fine young city manager who is not only intelligent, but well versed in municipal government. Hopefully he will be around for a long time. Sixth, I would like to thank the police department for all support. Copperas Cove has a first class police department with probably the finest police chief in Texas; Tim you are a class act. I bet you didn't know that after my knee surgery, some of your officers would stop by and visit, I guess my neighbors thought I was really in trouble with the law. I may be leaving the council, but you can be assured if Steve gives you a hard time I will be at the citizen's forum to defend you. Seventh, our city attorney, Jim Thompson and I go back a long ways. Jim thanks for your support and please try to keep my "Rockman" buddy out of trouble! - Councilman Clayton. Eighth, I would like to thank Councilman Clayton for his support. He and I were members of the five, two club for a couple of years (some of you know what I am referring to). Ninth; to all the city department heads I appreciate your support. Sometimes we didn't agree on issues but your support was always there. Tenth; there are some people here tonight I would like to recognize. They are members of the coalition for a smoke free Cove. These people worked very hard to get voters to the polls in order for all citizens to enjoy a smoke free environment. Would you please stand and come forward to receive the smoking gun award. Eleventh; to those who didn't support me, I want you to know I respect your opinion and frankness about city government. Twelfth; there is one lady, that has supported me from the very beginning, she helped me put up signs, take down signs and always called after each council meeting to see if I was ok. In fact she was the one that really encouraged me to run for public office. To Paula Wallis my best and dearest friend I say thank you for all your support and encouragement. Throughout the good times and bad you were always there to offer a helping hand. I must set the record straight about being in the pockets of the building industry of Copperas Cove. These people have taken more than their share of insults and untruths over the past several months. I can stand before you this evening, look you in the eye and say, never has a developer, builder or realtor ever asked me for a favor nor have they offered me anything not even a cup of coffee. I think it is time for these comments to stop. On the other hand I could name you some citizens that asked me to fix tickets, which is illegal and other favors which no elected official can do legally. Lastly I have served the City of Copperas Cove in some capacity since 1976 and have enjoyed every minute. Many have asked me if I was going to run for the council next year. I learned early in life not to say never. I will be 74 on June 13 and I think it is time to retire for the third time. The Lord holds my future in his hands and I will whatever the future holds to my God. Thank you and God bless. See you around.

Mayor Pro Tem Owsley received a standing ovation.

2. Oath of Office – The Oath of Office will be administered to Fred Harris, City Council Member Position Six. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

Council Member Fred Harris took the oath of Office for the City of Copperas Cove City Council Member Position Six, signed the Oath of Office, and took his place on the City Council dais.

3. Proclamation "Relay for Life Recognition – Chris Walker". **Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz**

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation and presented it to Chris Walker. Chris Walker thanked the committee who worked with him on this project, and gave special thanks to Miss Fisher.

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.

Marty Smith, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce gave thanks to the City Council, City Departments and staff for the wonderful support during Rabbit Fest.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from May 12, 2005, Special City Council Meeting, and May 17, 2005, Regular City Council Meeting. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

2. Consideration and action on awarding Bid No. 2005-04-90 for the sale of various cubic yard rear load dumpsters to Comanche Utilities Services Inc., for the sum of \$17,475.85. **Michael Mundell, solid Waste Superintendent**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1. Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Copperas Cove City Charter. **James R. Thompson, City Attorney**

James Thompson, City Attorney gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the City of Copperas Cove City Charter.

Mayor Diaz opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking For: None.

Speaking Against: None.

Mayor Diaz closed the Public Hearing.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for professional engineering services with Bury+Partners, Inc., for design of the Hogg Mountain Ground Storage Water Tank Project. **Robert McKinnon, Water/Wastewater Director**

Robert McKinnon, Water/Wastewater Director gave an overview of agenda item I-1. Council Member Gatewood made a motion to approve agenda item I-1. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. EDC Financial Report for the month ended April 30, 2005. **Carol Mills, EDC Executive Director**

Carol Mills, EDC Executive Director gave the Financial Report for the month ended April 30, 2005.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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 duties and responsibilities of the City Attorney.

2. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Municipal Judge.

3. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the City Council Members.

Mayor Diaz announced that Executive Session items M-2, and M-3 had been pulled from the agenda. Mayor Diaz adjourned the regular session of the meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:40 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 meeting at 8:25 p.m. and stated that 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 8:25 p.m.

Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary