

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 5, 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 Gatewood gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

Bob Reeves  
Ray Don Clayton (excused absence)  
John Gallen  
James Stockman  
R. Ray Gatewood  
Fred Harris  
Annabelle Smith

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council Member Harris gave thanks and appreciation to everyone who called and sent condolences to him for his Mother who passed away at the age of 97 years.
- Mayor Diaz stated on behalf of the City Council and staff thanks to everyone who cooperated during the water conservation mandate of the prior week.
- Mayor Diaz invited all citizens to attend the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) hearing in San Antonio on Monday, July 11, 2005. Buses will be provided, along with T-shirts. "Show your support for your soldiers at Fort Hood".

**E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

1. Presentation – recognition and farewell to Council Member, Annabelle Smith. **Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz**

Mayor Diaz presented Council Member Annabelle Smith with the Key to the City, and thanked her for making Copperas Cove a prettier place to live, and also thanked her for her leadership. Council Member, Annabelle Smith thanked the City Manager, City Secretary and City Attorney for their hard work. Council Member, Annabelle Smith also gave thanks and recognition to the Mayor, fellow Council Members, City Directors and City staff, and encouraged citizens to get involved and participate in the City. "Take care of my City! "

2. Oath of Office – The Oath of Office will be administered to Frank D. Somera, Jr., City Council Member, Position Seven. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Frank D. Somera, Jr., took the Oath of Office for the City of Copperas Cove Council Member Position Seven, signed the oath, and took his place on the City Council dais. Council Member Somera stated it was a great honor and privilege to serve as a City Council Member and a big thank you to everyone who has shown him support. Council Member Somera stated he was aware of the forthcoming challenges, and said it was his intention to serve the citizens of Copperas Cove to the best of his abilities, and looks forward to an engaging and fun term of office.

3. Appreciation Presentation to the City of Copperas Cove Adopt-a-Unit Program. **LTC. J. W. Allen**

LTC Allen presented a plaque of appreciation to Mayor Diaz and stated this was our special way of making a presentation to you of our colors, and stated your support really made a difference. I would like to see this relationship perpetuate and affirm this relationship for years to come. LTC Allen presented a plaque of appreciation to Kelly Dix for being the liaison. Kelly gave thanks and stated that this has been a program all the staff has enjoyed. Mayor Diaz said that the Adopt-A-Unit program was just a small thing that we can do as a City to show our support for our troops fighting for us overseas.

4. Proclamation – “Recreation and Parks Month”. **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation and presented it to Ken Wilson, Director of Community Services. Ken Wilson thanked the Mayor and all the staff and volunteers with the parks and recreation department, and stated he was very proud of his staff.

**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.

No one spoke at citizens’ forum.

**G. CONSENT ITEMS**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from June 21, 2005, Regular City Council Meeting and June 28, 2005, Special 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 Stockman seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.**

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action of the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem to serve for a period of one (1) year and who shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Council Member Reeves made a motion to appoint Council Member Gallen to the position of Mayor Pro Tem. The motion died for lack of a second. Council Member Harris made a motion to appoint Council Member Gatewood to the position of Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Somera seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on rescheduling the date of the first regular City Council meeting in October from October 4, 2005 to October 11, 2005. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary, gave an overview of agenda item I-2. Council Member Stockman made a motion to approve agenda item I-2. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

3. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with JHL Construction for the 2004 Street Improvements Project. **Paul M. Boyer, P.E., City Engineer**

Paul M. Boyer, City Engineer, gave an overview of agenda item I-3. Council Member Somera made a motion to approve agenda item I-3. Council Member Gatewood seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

4. Consideration and action on waiving or reducing City fees related to the construction of a Habitat for Humanity Home. **David Lilley, City Planner/CBO**

David Lilley, City Planner, gave an overview of agenda item I-4. Dick Chapin, Board of Habitat for Humanity, asked the City Council for favorable consideration for waiving the fees relating to the construction of a Habitat for Humanity Home. Council Member Reeves made a motion to approve agenda item I-4. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

5. Consideration and action on appointing or reappointment of members to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill vacancies. **David Lilley, City Planner/CBO**

David Lilley, City Planner, gave an overview of agenda item I-5. Council Member Harris made a motion to appoint Justin Gibson to the unexpired position two and reappoint Ron Clark and Sandy Vegh to positions six and seven respectively. Council Member Gatewood seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

6. Consideration and action on appointment of members and alternates to fill vacancies on the Board of Adjustment. **David Lilley, City Planner/CBO**

David Lilley, City Planner, gave an overview of agenda item I-6. Council Member Stockman made a motion to appointment Jack Widup to position one, Robin Hopkins to position two, Patricia Thomas to position three, Roger O'Dwyer to position four, Charlotte Heinz to position five, and Eugene Bauer to the alternate position. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

7. Consideration and action on approving Resolution No. 2005-24 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a capital lease agreement with Chase Equipment Leasing, Inc of Columbus, OH for the purchase of a new Caterpillar 420D Backhoe Loader and one 12-Lead Defibrillator with X-treme Pack Ambulance in the amount of \$98,651.20 at an interest rate of 3.97%. **Dennis Haas, Fire Chief**

Dennis Haas, Fire Chief, gave an overview of agenda item I-7. Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-7. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The resolution caption reads as follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2005-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHASE EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC. OF COLUMBUS, OH AND THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE AND CHASE EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC.

#### I. STAFF REPORTS

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

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave the financial report for the month ended May 31, 2005.

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

Mayor Diaz announced agenda item J-2 had been pulled from the agenda.

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

#### 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 evaluation of the City Secretary.

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 City Manager.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the regular session of the meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:57 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 9:27 p.m. Mayor Diaz announced that Executive Session items M-1, and M-2 were for information purposes only, and no action would be taken.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Diaz stated the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary