

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 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 Reeves 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. (excused absence)

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

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council Member Harris – KidsDay took place at the City Park last week and we had about 1,000 kids in the park! It was a great fun day, and many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers!

**E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

1. Retirement Recognition – "Kevin Beckman, Patrol Officer Police Department". **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz presented Kevin Beckman with a framed artwork and stated: Kevin Beckman was hired by the City of Copperas Cove Police Department as a patrol cadet on September 6, 1984, and ended his tenure with the city with the submission of his retirement effective July 24, 2005. During Officer Beckman's employment, he acquired over 20 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. Police Chief, Tim Molnes presented Kevin Beckman's framed and mounted police badge to Kevin Beckman.

2. Proclamation – "Code Compliance Month". **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief Haas and Deputy Fire Chief O'Dell. Chief Haas thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation and stated that during the month of September the Code and Health Department will be emphasizing the importance of code compliance through proactive public education and continued enforcement.

**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.

Harry Everth – 1904 Pecan Cove. Mr. Everth asked the City Council to approve his request to keep horses on his property. Mr. Everth submitted a petition to the Council members that had the signatures of his neighbors stating they had no objection to horses on Mr. Everth's property. Mr. Everth stated he would honor any decision the City Council makes on this request.

**G. CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from August 2, 2005, Regular City Council Meeting. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

2. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Central Texas Council of Governments for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) maintenance. **Tim Molnes, Police Chief**

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

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1a. Public Hearing on the final plat of Skyline Valley South Subdivision Phase 3. **David Lilley, City Planner/CBO**

David Lilley, City Planner/CBO gave an overview of agenda item H-1a.

Mayor Diaz opened the public hearing.

Speaking For: Mike Kriegle – Mitchell and Associates – Engineer for the project.

Speaking Against: No one spoke against.

Mayor Diaz closed the public hearing.

1b. Consideration and action on the final plat of Skyline Valley South Subdivision Phase 3. **David Lilley, City Planner/CBO**

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

2. Public Hearing on City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item H-2.

Mayor Diaz opened the public hearing.

Speaking on the item: Laura Packard, 922 Willowbrook Street, Copperas Cove.

Ms. Packard stated she was speaking on behalf of soldiers coming to the Fort Hood area from Colorado, and expressed concerns over the property tax rate in the City which is higher than our surrounding cities.

Mayor Diaz closed the Public Hearing

## I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on setting a proposed tax rate for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and placing the proposed tax rate on a future agenda as an action item. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-1. Council Member Gatewood made a motion to set a proposed tax rate of \$0.7750 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation and place the proposal on an agenda for the September 13, 2005, Regular City Council meeting as an action item. Council Member Stockman seconded the motion. Council Member Harris stated that the fiscal year had not been stated in the motion. Council Member Gatewood restated the motion to set a proposed tax rate of \$0.7750 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and place the proposal on an agenda for the September 13, 2005, Regular City Council meeting as an action item. Council Member Stockman seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on calling for 2 Public Hearings on the proposed tax rate increase for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to be held on August 29, 2005, and September 1, 2005, at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-2. Council Member Gallen made a motion to call for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to be held on August 29, 2005, and September 1, 2005, at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

3. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manger to execute a Relocate Facilities Contract with Perdarnales Electric Cooperative, Inc., in the amount of \$47,572.21. **Paul M. Boyer, City Engineer**

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

4. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2005-25, supporting the stand alone status of the Texas A&M Central Texas Campus Initiative. **James Stockman, Council Member**

Council Member Stockman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2005-25. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF THE STAND ALONE STATUS OF THE TEXAS A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS CAMPUS INITIATIVE.**

5. Consideration and action on appointment of members to the Copperas Cove Hospital Authority Board of Directors. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

Henderson Garrett, Metroplex Hospital representative gave an overview of agenda item I-5, and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their time and interest. Council Member Gatewood made a motion to reappoint the following individuals to the Copperas Cove Hospital Authority Board of Directors:

Place Two, Randy Sutton  
Place Three, Randy Curtis  
Place Four Harold Irlbeck  
Place Six, Jack Hemingway  
Place Eight, Earl Trabue  
Place Ten, Janie French  
Place Eleven, Ross Caviness

Council Member Harris seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

6. Consideration and action on "Settlement agreement between TXU Electric Delivery and the City". ***Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance***

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-6. Council Member Harris made a motion to approve agenda item I-6. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

7. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Inter-local Agreement with the Copperas Cove Independent School District to share facilities for recreational purposes. ***Ken Wilson, Director of Community Services***

Ken Wilson, Director of Community Services gave an overview of agenda item I-7. Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-7. Council Member Stockman seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

8. Consideration and action on rescheduling the date of the first regular City Council meeting in September from September 6, 2005, to September 13, 2005.  
**Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz gave an overview of agenda item I-8. Council Member Clayton made a motion to reschedule the date of the first regular City Council meeting in September from September 6, 2005, to September 13, 2005. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**J. STAFF REPORTS – None.**

**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 8:03 p.m.

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Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary