

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2006 – 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 7:02 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

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

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

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Diaz - The City of Copperas Cove will be holding a General Election on Saturday, May 13, 2006 to elect a Mayor and Council Member Positions: One and Two. Candidate packets will be available February 1, 2006 from the City Secretary's office at City Hall. Candidates may file for one of the three positions 8 a.m. thru 5 p.m. February 13, 2006 thru March 13, 2006. If you require additional information on the City Election, please contact Pamela Russell, City Secretary at 547-4221.

Recognition to Pamela Russell, City Secretary, for recently completing her professional education requirements for re-certification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk. Congratulations and appreciation for the dedication and hard work in your office.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Presentation from "ALTRUSA International, Inc." to the Copperas Cove Public Library. **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Bobby Clayton, representing the Copperas Cove ALTRUSA International, Inc., stated the club has 22 club members. Mrs. Clayton stated that last year the club provided books to every first, second and third grader in Copperas Cove. Mrs. Clayton presented a check to the Copperas Cove Public Library for the sum of \$1,480.24. The money was collected all in pennies! Peg Fleet, Library Director, thanked the ALTRUSA club for their dedication and persistence, and also thanked the many citizens of Copperas Cove for their generosity in donating.

- E. 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.

Chuck Downard – 208 Ridge Street. Mr. Downard stated he wanted to address Impact Fees as a 30 year resident of Copperas Cove and a Retired Water supervisor. Mr. Downard stated that over one hundred cities in the State of Texas impose Impact Fees. Mr. Downard also requested that future funding of bonds for water/wastewater projects be taken to the citizens on a ballot.

Patrice Pendleton, 511 Myra Lou – Mrs. Pendleton relayed the actions of the Animal Control Department concerning her cat that she had owned for 7 years. Mrs. Pendleton was very concerned that her cat had been euthanized within two hours of her cat being trapped and stated that her cat was a very friendly and loving cat. Mrs. Pendleton requested that the Mayor and City Manager investigate this incident and commented that severe reprimand would be in order for the employees responsible for taking this action against her cat.

Marty Martinez, Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Martinez invited the Mayor, City Council Members and citizens of Copperas Cove to the Purple Heart Ball on Saturday, February 18, 2006, at the Civic Center. Mr. Martinez also presented a certificate of appreciation to the Mayor.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from January 17, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

2. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2006-03, authorizing and supporting the submission of a grant application to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Emergency Program, in the amount of \$9,795 and authorizing the Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst to apply for and to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the application. ***Dennis Haas, Fire Chief***

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION EMERGENCY PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,795 AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR/BUDGET ANALYST TO APPLY FOR AND TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION.

3. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2006-05 authorizing and supporting the submission of a grant application through the Cintas Reviver Provider Grant Program for up to four (4) automated external defibrillation (AED) devices to use in Police patrol vehicles, and authorizing the Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst to apply for and act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the application. **Jeri Denniston, Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst**

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH CINTAS REVIVER PROVIDER GRANT PROGRAM FOR UP TO FOUR (4) AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION (AED) DEVICES TO USE IN POLICE PATROL VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR/BUDGET ANALYST TO APPLY FOR AND ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION.

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent items G-1, G-2, and G-3. Council Member Somera seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1a. Public Hearing on acceptance of a final plat for a subdivision identified as Skyline Flats Phase One. **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: None.

Speaking Against: None.

Mayor Diaz closed the public hearing.

1b. Consideration and action on acceptance of a final plat for a subdivision identified as Skyline Flats Phase One. **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.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on an "Order of Election" calling a General Election for Mayor and Council members Positions 1 & 2; to be held on May 13, 2006, and a Runoff Election on June 10, 2006 (if necessary); and approving Resolution No. 2006-01 outlining the election procedures. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

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

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS POSITIONS 1 & 2; TO BE HELD ON MAY 13, 2006, AND A RUNOFF ELECTION ON JUNE 10, 2006 (IF NECESSARY).

2. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2006-04 amending the City's "Fee Schedule". **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manger/Director of Finance, and Steven Alexander, City Manager gave an overview of agenda item I-2.

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-2. Council Member Stockman seconded the motion.

Council Member Harris made a motion to table the item. Council Member Somera seconded the motion.

The City Council voted on the amended motion to table the item.

With all Council Members voting in favor; the item was tabled.

City Manager, Steven Alexander stated that staff would bring this item back to the City Council at a future Workshop.

3. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Preload, Inc. for the demolition of the existing Hogg Mountain ground storage tank and construction of a Pre-stressed Concrete 1.0 million gallon Ground Storage Tank Project, Bid No. 2006-04-93, in the amount of \$717,320.00. **Bruce Emery, Interim City Engineer**

Bruce Emery, Interim City Engineer gave an overview of agenda item I-3.

Council Member Somera made a motion to approve agenda item I-3. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

4. Consideration and action Resolution No. 2006-07 authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement to Contribute Funds to TxDOT for the acquisition of the right-of-way and adjustment of utilities for the FM 2657 widening project and to transmit \$78,320.00 to TxDOT. **Bruce Emery, Interim City Engineer**

Steven Alexander, City Manager gave an overview of agenda item I-4.

Council Member Clayton made a motion to approve agenda item I-4 with an amendment to reflect the dollar amount to read \$34,882 being inserted rather than the number currently listed and approve the Resolution as read. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-07

That the City of Copperas Cove enter into a Contractual Agreement for right of way procurement with the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, and agreeing to the terms stated therein, for that portion of FM 2657 from US 190 south to CR 4757, and providing further that the State be requested to make the right of way value determination for the required right of way, using qualified appraisers for determining this value, and hereby requests the State to waive the requirement that the City submit to the State property values for said right of way, and authorizing the City Manager be given the authority to make, execute, deliver and sign this contract and further authorizing the City Manager to make, execute, deliver and sign any and all papers pertinent thereto for the purchase, payment and request for reimbursement from the Texas Department of Transportation.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Emergency Medical Services Innovations. **Dennis Haas, Fire Chief**

Dennis Haas, Fire Chief and Mark Ingram, EMS Coordinator gave a report on Emergency Medical Services Innovations. Chief Haas stated When a person suffers a heart attack every minute is vital. The time line from the on set of pain to the recovery room has been reduced by more than 50% as a result of new technology. Phone and faxing capabilities from the ambulance directly to the hospital or cardiologist allows the Emergency Room staff time to prepare for the incoming patient. The National goal is to have from the time of calling 9-1-1 to being in the emergency room and have blood flowing all within 90 minutes. The cost was approximately \$1,100 per ambulance for the new technology. Chief Haas thanked the Mayor and City Council for the support of the Fire Department. Mayor Diaz thanked the Chief for his initiative and going the extra mile, and said she was sure the citizens of Copperas Cove would agree.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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 Secretary.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the regular session of the meeting to enter into Executive Session at 7:58 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 regular session of the meeting at 8:38 p.m., and announced 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 8:38 p.m.

Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary