

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 2006 – 7:30 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 7:33 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.

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

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Gallen – Thank you to the staff for a great Retreat, which was held on Saturday in Burnet.

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood – Excellent retreat, thank you to the staff.

**E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION None.**

**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.

Kathy Kwieran, 2910 Poplar Road, Kempner. – Mrs. Kwieran expressed concerns regarding the Animal Shelter. Ms. Kwieran stated she had volunteered at the shelter and was discouraged by some of the actions taken at the shelter, and requested a comprehensive strategy of reuniting animals with their owners or adopting animals out.

Justin Gibson 201 East Avenue A. – Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Mr. Gibson proposed a purchase of land by the City for park space that would provide for a predominantly picturesque setting in a neighborhood in need of a park. The cost of the land is currently \$29,000. Mr. Gibson urged the Council to seriously consider this proposal and provided a power point presentation.

Aundie Gibson 201 East Avenue A. - Mrs. Gibson stated she was a Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commissioner and a mother of six year old twins. Mrs. Gibson stated she would like to see more parkland for our children, and allow a connection with nature.

Mrs. Gibson went over the proposal for the funding of the requested new parkland located on N. HWY 116 and Hackberry Street. Property beautification and green space is a goal of the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission.

**G. CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from February 7, 2006, Regular City Council Meeting, and February 21, 2006, Regular City Council Meeting. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

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

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION – None.**

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action on the Fiscal Year 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. ***Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance***

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-1. Michael Firth, Auditor for Lott Vernon and Company gave an in depth overview of the FY 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

**J. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Report on tourism funds from Hotel-Motel Tax: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2005. ***Marty Smith, President, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce***

Marty Smith, President, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce gave a report on tourism funds from Hotel-Motel Tax: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, and provided brochures to the Mayor and City Council detailing the many events the Chamber organizes. Mayor Diaz thanked Marty Smith for her excellent presentation.

**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 8:25 p.m.

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Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary