

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem, R. Ray Gatewood called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove Texas to order at 7:00 pm.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member, Fred Harris 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
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary
James R. Thompson, City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood stated Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz was on excused absence.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member, John Gallen – Congratulated the Copperas Cove High School Color Guard for a fine job at the State Nationals, and stated that they were deserving of recognition and had represented the High School very well.

Council Member, Fred Harris – Stated the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA has partnered in activities, and this is the kind of thing that makes Copperas Cove good. Partnering has become almost a necessity for our City, and I encourage additional partnering with the City. Let's try to build this City together!

City Manager, Steven Alexander – Introduced and welcomed John Adel, City Planner to our community, and announced that John was a certified planner, his first day on the job with our City was yesterday, and he comes to us from Okalahoma. John Adel stated he was appreciative of the opportunity to work for the City of Copperas Cove, and was glad to be here.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood – Announced that for the City of Copperas Cove General Election, Early Voting would begin May 1, 2006 and run thru May 9, 2006 with the exception of weekend days, and Election Day would be held on May 13, 2006, 7 a.m. thru 7 p.m. All voting for this election will take place at City Hall.

- A Mayoral and City Council Candidate Political Forum will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at Noon at the First Baptist Church reception hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

- Announced the Fire Chief received a letter from MG Simmons, Deputy Commander of Fort Hood which stated; *"On behalf of the soldiers and families at Fort Hood please pass on my sincere appreciation to the men and women of the Copperas Cove Fire Department for their assistance in putting out the multiple fires on Fort Hood. Their assistance is deeply appreciated. The City of Copperas Cove can be proud of its Fire Department"*. Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood thanked Dennis Haas, Fire Chief and the Fire Department for doing such a great job for the City.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Retirement – Lt. Michael Galiana, Police Department. *R. Ray Gatewood, Mayor Pro Tem*

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood stated: Michael Galiana was hired by the City of Copperas Cove Police Department as a Patrol Officer on January 7, 1980, and ended his tenure with the City with the submission of his retirement effective March 31, 2006. Lieutenant Galiana was assigned to the Patrol Division for several years, and held the positions of Corporal and Sergeant. He received the rank of Lieutenant in 1986, a position which he held for almost 20 years. At the time of his retirement he held the position of Records Division Supervisor and Supervisor for the Communications Office and the Department's computer system. During Mr. Galiana's employment, he acquired over 26 years of experience as a Police Officer with the Copperas Cove Police Department, and his dedication and commitment to the Department and City are greatly appreciated.

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood presented Lt. Galiana with a framed art work on behalf of the City. Police Chief, Tim Molnes presented Lt. Galiana with a shadow box containing his police badge.

Lt. Galiana thanked the City Council and Management for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Copperas Cove.

2. Proclamation – "Coryell County Crime Victim's Rights Week". *R. Ray Gatewood, Mayor Pro Tem*

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood read the proclamation and presented it to Christen Ramsey and members of Crime Victims Rights. Christen Ramsey thanked the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council for the proclamation and stated Crime Victims Rights was in its 26th year, and this is the first year Crime Victims Rights Week will be officially recognized. Ms. Ramsey detailed the various events and services available in the community from the Crime Victims Rights organization.

3. Proclamation – "Boys and Girls Club Week". *R. Ray Gatewood, Mayor Pro Tem*

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood read the proclamation and presented it to Ira Brand, Chairman of the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell County Board of Directors.

Ira Brand thanked the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council for the proclamation and their continued support, and also thanked everyone that helps kids.

4. Proclamation – “Child Abuse Prevention Month”. **R. Ray Gatewood, Mayor Pro Tem**

Mayor Pro Tem R. Ray Gatewood read the proclamation and presented it to Exchange Clubs Presidents Ira Brand, Morning Exchange Club and Billy Minton, Noon Exchange Club. Both Presidents stated that the objective of the National Exchange Club is Child Abuse Prevention, and thanked the City Council for their support.

Exchange Club Member, Odie O’Dwyer – gave a presentation in the costume of the Grim Reaper, and encouraged people to get involved and act for child abuse prevention, to not sit by, but make a phone call and report any and all child abuse.

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.

Annabelle Smith – 904 Holly, Copperas Cove – Thank you to everyone that participated and attended the Downtown Association Birthday Party Celebration. On behalf of Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission, thanks to the many volunteers and Solid Waste Department for the clean up project on Saturday. Thanks to so many groups and organizations that participated. Thank you.

Justin Gibson – 201 East Avenue A, Copperas Cove - As a proponent for the proposed park that was addressed a couple of weeks ago. The Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission cleaned up the area that is adjacent to the park targeted area, as it was the most needed clean up area in the City. When parks are established it usually decreases the percentage of crimes, and urge the City Council to consider the new park proposal.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

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

2. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2006-12 authorizing and supporting the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for approximately \$68,870 for personal protective gear, breathing apparatus and radios for the addition of volunteer firefighters to the Fire Department; and authorizing the Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst to apply for and to act on behalf of the City in other matters related to the application. **Jeri Denniston, Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst**

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR APPROXIMATELY \$68,870 FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR, BREATHING APPARATUS AND RADIOS FOR THE ADDITIONAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR/BUDGET ANALYST TO APPLY FOR AND TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION.

3. Consideration and action on authorizing the award of Bid No. 2006-07-53, 2006 Street Seal Coating Project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$230,670.60 with Big Tex Paving. **James Trevino, Public Works Superintendent**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION – None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on providing police services to the Chamber of Commerce for the April 9, 2006, Tough Cookie Duathlon. **Marty Smith, President, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce**

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

2. Consideration and action on the appointment/reappointment of two individuals to the Library Advisory Board for the period April 4, 2006–March 30, 2009 **Peg Fleet, Library Director**

Peg Fleet, Library Director gave an overview of agenda item I-2. Council Member Clayton made a motion to reappoint Marion Palumbo and Donald Conklin to the Library Advisory Board for the period April 4, 2006 thru March 30, 2009. Council Member Somera seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood announced that agenda items I-4 and I-5 would be discussed and considered before agenda item I-3.

4. Consideration and action on approving the purchase of various recycling equipment and a vehicle from various vendors in the amount of \$81,450.75. **Mike Mundell, Solid Waste Superintendent**

Mike Mundell, Solid Waste Superintendent gave an overview of agenda item I-4, and stated that the actual cost would be \$80,840. The original amount included the shipping costs, but these can not be financed. Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-4. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

5. Consideration and action on approving the purchase of 100 computers from Dell Computers in the amount of \$104,699. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-5. Council Member Stockman made a motion to approve agenda item I-5. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

3. Consideration and action on approving Resolution 2006-13 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a tax-exempt capital lease agreement with SunTrust Leasing Corporation of Towson, MD for the purchase of various equipment in the amount of \$185,538 at an interest rate of 3.918 percent for a period of five years. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-3. Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-3. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A TAX-EXEMPT CAPITAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUNTRUST LEASING CORPORATION OF TOWSON, MD FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,538 AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 3.918 PERCENT FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

6. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Intermedix, Inc. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-6. Council Member Somera made a motion to approve agenda item I-6. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem requested a roll call vote.

Council Members voting in favor: Reeves, Gallen, Stockman, Harris, Somera
Council Members voting against: Clayton

With five voting in favor, and one voting against, motion carried.

7. Consideration and action on Acceptance of Cities Aggregation Power Project (CAAP) Bylaws and authorization for payment to CAAP for an initial fee assessment. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-7. Council Member Stockman made a motion to approve agenda item I-7. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Fire Department Annual Report for 2005. **Dennis Haas, Fire Chief**

Dennis Haas, Fire Chief gave the Fire Department's Annual Report for 2005. He stated the report had been provided to the City Council in hard copy, and the Fire Department Annual Report for 2005 was posted to the City web site. Chief Haas stated on behalf of the Fire Department, thanks to the City Council for continued support.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood commended the Fire Department for an excellent report and stated that the Fire Department was doing great things for the City of Copperas Cove.

2. Texas Book Festival Grant Expenditures Report. **Peg Fleet, Library Director**

Peg Fleet, Library Director gave a report on the Texas Book Festival Grant Expenditures, and stated the library had received a \$5,000 grant to purchase computers for the library, and announced that as of this afternoon the Copperas Cove Public Library is on-line. Peg Fleet presented each City Council member with a T-Shirt to celebrate the on-line catalog!

Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood stated that agenda items J-3, and J-4 would not be presented, and that the information in the reports is available on the City web page and the only Financial Report to be presented tonight would be agenda item J-5.

3. Financial Report for the Quarter ended December 31, 2005. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

4. Financial Report for the month ended January 31, 2006. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

5. Financial Report for the month ended February 28, 2006. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave the Financial Report for the month ended February 28, 2006.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member, Fred Harris requested a report on how many grants the City had applied for, and how many grants the City has received. City Manager, Steven Alexander stated the information would be provided to the City Council in a report.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

2. Pursuant to §551.072 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Council Member, Clayton stated he would excuse himself from Executive Session agenda item M-2, and had filed the appropriate affidavit with the office of the City Secretary.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gatewood announced the City Council would adjourn from the regular meeting to enter into executive session at 8:32 p.m.

N. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood announced the City Council had reconvened at 9:56 p.m., and stated that executive session items M-1 and M-2 were for information purposes only and no action would be taken.

Mayor Pro Tem stated he wished for the official record of the meeting to reflect that the decision to not present agenda items J-3 and J-4 was his decision as the Mayor Pro Tem.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood stated the meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

R. Ray Gatewood, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

