

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor O'Dwyer 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 Sheppard gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

Bob Reeves  
Larry D. Sheppard  
John Gallen  
James Stockman  
R. Ray Gatewood  
Fred Harris  
Frank D. Somera Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Steven J. Alexander, City Manager  
Jane Lees, City Secretary  
James R. Thompson, City Attorney

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Harris said that the Impact Fee Advisory Fee Advisory Committee met for their first meeting last week.

Council Member Gatewood reminded everyone that the Women's Prayer Gathering is on October 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fairview Community Church.

Council Member Gallen said that the Friends of the Library will be having a book sale this coming weekend at the Avenue E Cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds go back to the Public Library.

Mayor O'Dwyer said that deployments have begun out of Ft. Hood. The USO is in need of funds and would appreciate donations so they can supply water and other items to the soldiers as they board the planes.

**E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

1. Certificates of Appreciation: America's Promise – National Day for Kids 2006 Celebration. **Council Member Fred Harris**

Council Member Fred Harris presented certificates of appreciation to those who volunteered and participated in the recently held National Day for Kids in Copperas Cove. He said that this was the seventh time for this event and it was the most successful of all.

2. Proclamation – “Crime Prevention Month 2006”. **Roger P. O’Dwyer, Mayor**

Mayor O’Dwyer read the proclamation and presented it to Police Chief Tim Molnes from the Copperas Cove Police Department. Chief Molnes asked everyone to take time this month to reflect on personal safety issues, particularly vehicle safety. He asked everyone to get to know their neighbors and start a Neighborhood Watch Program.

3. Proclamation – “Fire Prevention Month 2006”. **Roger P. O’Dwyer, Mayor**

Mayor O’Dwyer read the proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief, Dennis Haas, from the Copperas Cove Fire Department. Chief Haas said that Fire Prevention Month is an active part of the community every year. The Fire Department visits schools and has tours of the fire stations. During the year last year, they had face-to-face contact with over 10,000 children and almost 4,000 adults.

**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.

Speaking: Elizabeth Bloss, 211 Appaloosa Drive. She discussed the need for an early warning system for tornados. She believes that Copperas Cove does not have this kind of system is because of the myth that we are safe because of being surrounded by hills. Talked about the dangers of tornadoes and that we, here in Copperas Cove are not totally safe. She proposed that Copperas Cove purchase tornado warning sirens and install them at strategic locations in the City.

Ray Gatewood, 605 Red Oak Drive. He thanked Police Chief Tim Molnes and Fire Chief Dennis Haas for protecting the City of Copperas Cove. He said that he did not think they received all the accolades they deserved. They are the chief people responsible for safety in this city and we all sleep and rest well because they and their staff are on duty. He thanked them for what they do.

#### **G. CONSENT ITEMS**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from September 19, 2006. <b>Jane Lees, City Secretary</b></li></ol> |
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Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent item G-1. Council Member Somera seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1. Public Hearing, consideration and action on a final plat application for House Creek North Subdivision, Phase Three, City of Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas. **John C. Adel, AICP/City Planner**

John C. Adel, AICP/City Planner gave an overview of agenda item H-1.

Mayor O'Dwyer opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking for: Gloria Saavedra, Killeen Engineering and Survey Company. She is for the approval of the final plat and told the Council she would be happy to answer questions from them.

Speaking against: None.

Mayor O'Dwyer closed the Public Hearing.

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

## I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with McLean Construction Ltd. for construction of the Big Divide Sewer Extension Project, Bid Number 2006-12-71, in the amount of \$523,433.70. **Robert M. McKinnon, Director of Water/Wastewater**

Robert M. McKinnon, Director of Water/Wastewater gave an overview of agenda item I-1.

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

2. Consideration and action on rejecting the one bid received for the Big Divide Road Street Improvement Project. **James A. Trevino, Public Works Superintendent**

James A. Trevino, Public Works Superintendent gave an overview of agenda item I-2.

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item I-2. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

3. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to donate various items of radio equipment to the Central Texas Council of Governments. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

This item was removed from the agenda.

4. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Lott, Vernon & Company, P.C. for the 2005-06 fiscal year audit. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/ Director of Finance gave an overview of agenda item I-4 saying that the audit would cost \$52,600. Michael Firth of Lott, Vernon & Company, P.C., was on hand to answer questions from the Council.

Council Member Somera made a motion to approve agenda item I-4. Council Member Stockman seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

5. Consideration and action on appointment of three (3) commissioners and reappointment of two (2) commissioners to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission. **Silvia Rhoads, Supervisor, Recycling/Administration**

Silvia Rhoads, Supervisor, Recycling/Administration gave an overview of agenda item I-5.

Council Member Gatewood made a motion to appoint Monica Hull, Barbara Lehmkuhler and Klaudia Brand, and reappoint Dorothy Forbes and Nelson Schultz to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission for two year terms. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

## **J. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Update of Hogg Mountain Water Tank. **Robert M. McKinnon, Director of Water/Wastewater**

Robert M. McKinnon, Director of Water/Wastewater gave an overview of agenda item J-1. He stated that the project is finished and that it finished on time. The water tank has been in service for about two weeks. Putting it back into service adds about one million gallons back into our system that we have been operating without during renovations. He thanked all the operators at the other water tanks for making sure all the residents in Copperas Cove had all the water they needed during this time.

2. Achievement of total coliform rule requirements. **Robert M. McKinnon, Water/Wastewater**

Robert McKinnon, Director of Water/Wastewater said that the City received the Total Coliform Rule Program Award 2005 for compliance with requirements from the State of Texas in protecting public health. He explained that coliform is bacteria and that in order to be awarded this achievement, an entity must have no coliform rule violations for five consecutive years, no positive acute maximum contaminate results, no failure to submit all required monthly samples, no failure to submit all required repeat samples if requested, no failure to submit any increased monitoring samples. The city did not have any increased monitoring samples because we were awarded a reduction for our excellence in sampling and those results. An entity must also not have had any major violations or enforcement actions during the calendar year. This is a little difficult to achieve and a lot of entities don't receive this recognition. Our achievement attests to the

diligence of the water distribution personnel, and the City Manager and the Council for authorizing improvements to our system.

**K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Council Member Stockman asked if a workshop could be held in the future to discuss the warning system for tornadoes that was proposed by Elizabeth Bloss. Council Members Gatewood, Sheppard and Somera agreed this was a good idea.

**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 evaluation of the City Manger.

Mayor O'Dwyer announced the City Council would adjourn from the regular meeting to enter into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

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

Mayor O'Dwyer reconvened the City Council Meeting at 9:52 p.m. and stated 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 O'Dwyer stated the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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Roger P. O'Dwyer, Mayor

Attest:

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Jane Lees, City Secretary