

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

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

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

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Gallen reminded everyone that Daylight Savings time will be effective this coming weekend. Mayor O'Dwyer announced that brown Kraft bags are available for citizens to purchase at a reduced rate from the Municipal Utilities Building, the Solid Waste Department, the Main Fire Station and City Hall. He also reminded everyone that the speed limit on Highway 190, between Copperas Cove and Ft. Hood's Main Gate has been reduced from 70 m.p.h. to 60 m.p.h.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Retirement effective February 28, 2007: Anke West, Municipal Court Clerk. **Mayor Roger P. O'Dwyer**

Mayor O'Dwyer presented Anke West with a plaque of appreciation and thanked her for many years of dedicated service to the City of Copperas Cove. Ms. West worked for the City 25 years and four months. Ms. West said she enjoyed her time working for the City and thanked everyone for the memories.

2. Letter of appreciation to Copperas Cove Fire Department. **Mayor Roger P. O'Dwyer**

Mayor O'Dwyer read a letter from Ronald C. Witt regarding the suppression of a large grass wildfire near his home on February 27, 2007. Mr. Witt's letter thanked the Copperas Cove Fire Department for their hard work and dedication. Mayor O'Dwyer presented the letter to Fire Chief Dennis Haas. Chief Haas said that the Fire Department

is always very appreciative of letters like this. He said that in 2005 the area Fire Chiefs and area fire organizations formed a Wildland Fire Task Force for this very reason. Although this letter is addressed to him and the Copperas Cove Fire Department, there were actually 19 agencies present on this particular fire, 37 pieces of fire equipment, seven command officers and 99 people from the Counties of Bell and Coryell. This is really where the thanks goes and he said he would pass this along to all those other chiefs and departments as well. He thanked the Mayor for his support.

3. Proclamation: Project Safe Place Week, March 11-18, 2007. **Mayor Roger P. O'Dwyer**

Mayor O'Dwyer read the proclamation and presented it to Amy Ward of Project Safe Place. Ms. Ward thanked the City for supporting Project Safe Place and said that this is a national program and a program of Central Texas Youth Services which provides confidential counseling and referral services. They serve 109 kids and help many more who call in on the hotline. Local businesses volunteer to be safe place sites and currently have 239 sites in Bell and Coryell Counties and they are looking to open more sites in the next few years.

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.

None.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from February 20, 2007. **Jane Lees, CMC City Secretary**

2. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2007-12, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Grant Development Services to apply for and manage a grant, if funded, for the Safe Routes to School Program. **Jeri Denniston, Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst**

3. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2007-13, accepting the quarterly investment report as presented for the quarter ending December 2006 per the Investment Policy. **Andrea Gardner, Asst. City Mgr./Director of Finance**

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.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT

WITH GRANT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO APPLY FOR AND MANAGE A GRANT, IF FUNDED, FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT AS PRESENTED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2006 PER THE INVESTMENT POLICY.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1. Presentation from the Killeen-Temple Urban Transportation Study (K-TUTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization and public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). **Shannon Mattingly, AICP, MPO Director**

Shannon Mattingly, AICP, MPO Director gave an overview of agenda item H-1.

Mayor O'Dwyer opened the public hearing.

Speaking for: None.

Speaking against: None.

Mayor O'Dwyer closed the public hearing.

2. Public hearing, consideration and action on Ordinance 2007-02, establishing a curfew for minors, Article I, Section 13-3 of the City's Code of Ordinances; providing for a hearing; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date. **Tim Molnes, Police Chief**

Mike Heintzelman, Deputy Chief gave an overview of agenda item H-2.

Mayor O'Dwyer opened the public hearing.

Speaking for: None.

Speaking against: None.

Mayor O'Dwyer closed the public hearing.

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

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINOR, ARTICLE I, SECTION 13-3 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A HEARING; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. Public hearing, consideration and action on Ordinance 2007-07, providing a zoning change for Lot 3, Block 1, Cove Park Subdivision, from B-4 Business District to R-2 Two-Family Residential; providing a savings clause; and declaring an effective date. **John C. Adel, AICP, City Planner**

John C. Adel, AICP, City Planner gave an overview of agenda item H-3.

Mayor O'Dwyer opened the public hearing.

Speaking for: Glen Rowan of Rowan Family Enterprises. He stated that he purchased the property last year and would like to build a duplex on the property after the dilapidated duplex now there is torn down.

Speaking against: None.

Mayor O'Dwyer closed the public hearing.

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve agenda item H-3. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried. The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, PROVIDING A ZONING CHANGE FOR LOT 3, BLOCK 1, COVE PARK SUBDIVISION, FROM B-4 BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-2 TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2007-06, repealing the Bail Bond Ordinance. **James R. Thompson, City Attorney**

James R. Thompson, City Attorney gave an overview of agenda item I-1.

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

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, REPEALING THE BAIL BOND ORDINANCE.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report for the Month ended December 31, 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 December 31, 2006.

2. Financial Report for the Month ended January 31, 2007. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave the financial report for the month ended January 31, 2007.

3. Report on opportunity to contract with Coryell County for the upcoming Municipal Election to be held on May 12, 2007. **Jane Lees, City Secretary**

Jane Lees, City Secretary discussed the pros and cons of holding our upcoming Municipal election jointly with Coryell County.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Gallen said he would like to see a discussion in the near future on the status of our established sidewalks and what happens when they start breaking down.

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 O'Dwyer stated the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Roger P. O'Dwyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Lees, City Secretary