

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Roger P. O'Dwyer requested that everyone rise and observe a moment of silence in recognition of the shootings Virginia Tech University. He then 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 Somera gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

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

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

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Aging Bell County Well/Exercise/Walk Across Texas Health Fair, May 1, 2007. ***Mayor Jim Covington, City of Belton***

Council Member Gatewood stated that Mayor Covington had not yet arrived and made a motion to move this item until Mayor Covington was present. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sheppard and passed unanimously.

Council Member Gatewood asked that the City recognize the Copperas Cove High School women's track team who came in first. He said they excel not only in their physical abilities, but in academic activities as well and that we should be proud of them.

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, stated that it has come to her attention that the purpose of and the language that was used in the notice of intention to issue City of Copperas Cove combination certificates of obligation, Series 2007. She said that per Local Government Code, Sec. 271.049, the notice of intent is required regardless of the sources of payment of certificates. The certificates may not be issued unless the issuer publishes its intention, at least once a week, for two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the issuer. The notice must state the time and place tentatively set for the passage of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the certificates. It must also state the maximum amount and purpose for the certificates to be authorized and the manner in which the certificates will be paid for, whether by taxes, revenues, or a combination of the two. The language structure,

referring to the manner in which the certificates will be paid for is absolutely commonplace and is accepted by the Public Finance Division of the Attorney General's Office. The State of Texas statute requires the issuer to further secure the certificates of obligation through a revenue source. Therefore, the City is providing for a minimal revenue pledge from lawful revenue sources. At any point in time, if a citizen has any questions regarding this notice of intent, or any future notice of intent, they should contact her or the City Manager, Steve Alexander.

Mayor O'Dwyer mentioned that the military has extended the deployment period from 12 months to 15 months. This means that many families will be without loved ones for two Christmases away from home. This coming weekend there will be a cookout at City Park to host approximately 500 Special Forces Battalion families. Please come out and help support our military families.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

2. Proclamation: National Day of Prayer, May 3, 2007. **Mayor Roger P. O'Dwyer**

Mayor O'Dwyer read the proclamation and presented it to Peggy and Ed Thompson.

3. Proclamation: Special Olympics Days, April 27-28, 2007. **Mayor Roger P. O'Dwyer**

Mayor O'Dwyer read the proclamation and presented it to Copperas Cove Police Officer, Cpl. Kevin Keller. He talked about the events coming up and showed the Torch Run T-shirts which will be available for purchase at the Police Department for \$12.00 each.

4. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month, April 2007. **Mayor Roger P. O'Dwyer**

Mayor O'Dwyer read the proclamation. This proclamation will be mailed to the Central Texas Council of Governments.

5. Proclamation: Autism Awareness Month, May 2007. **Mayor Roger P. O'Dwyer**

Mayor O'Dwyer read the proclamation. This proclamation will be mailed to Sandy and Robert Waters, who have a radio show called "The Candy Store," that airs on Autism One Radio, and is named after their six-year old daughter, Candace, who has autism.

6. Proclamation: National Library Week, April 15-21, 2007. **Mayor Roger P. O'Dwyer**

Mayor O'Dwyer read the proclamation and presented it to Peg Fleet, Library Director. Ms. Fleet thanked the mayor and council for the proclamation and stated that the library has many activities this week in celebration of National Library Week. She reminded everyone that anyone can enter a library in this country and seek information on any topic they choose without fear of recrimination or reprisal. This is not the case in many

other countries in the world. This is what we should really be celebrating during National Library Week.

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.

Helena Aguilar, 2309 Dennis. Ms. Aguilar requested assistance from the City regarding a flood situation around her home. Steve said someone would be out to take a look at her situation.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from April 3, 2007.
Jane Lees, CMC, City Secretary

2. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2007-17, authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for a Bulletproof Vest Grant up to the amount of \$2,156.
Jeri Denniston, Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst

3. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2007-18, 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 \$60,000 to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with integrated Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) devices and Heads-up-Displays (HUD); 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**

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. 2007-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER OR TERMINATE A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR A BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$2,156.

The Resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, 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 \$60,000 TO PURCHASE SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) WITH INTEGRATED PERSONAL ALERT SAFETY SYSTEM (PASS) DEVICES AND HEADS-UP-DISPLAYS (HUD); 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.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION – None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation to facilitate the exchange of 109.571 acres of real property in Bell County for approximately 125 acres located on the east end of Copperas Cove. **James R. Thompson, City Attorney**

James R. Thompson, City Attorney gave an overview of agenda item I-1. Dan Yancey, President of the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation Board, gave the Council further information regarding this item.

Council Member Somera made a motion to approve agenda item I-1, and to add in the agreement for clarification that the east end is in Coryell County. Council Member Sheppard seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Chamber of Commerce, First Quarter Report for 2007. **Marty Smith, President, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce**

Marty Smith, President, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce gave the first quarter report for 2007.

2. Texas Municipal League Equity Return. **Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Andrea Gardner, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance, gave a report of the City's Texas Municipal League (TML) Equity Return. The City's workers compensation liability and property insurance provider is the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. The TML Pool Board of Trustees adopted an equity return policy for their workers compensation liability and property funds. As a result, for the fiscal year 2005-2006, the City of Copperas Cove has received a total of \$48,378 in equity returns from TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool. \$37,249 was received for liability and \$11,129 was received for property. Ms. Gardner said she was pleased to announce this return of equity and to thank all of the City Staff for their successful efforts in helping to control the property and liability insurances losses.

3. Fire Department Annual Report. *Dennis Haas, Fire Chief*

Dennis Haas, Fire Chief gave the Annual Report for the Fire Department.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Sheppard requested that an item be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda regarding the duties and responsibilities of the City Attorney. Council Members Gatewood and Stockman agreed.

Mr. Alexander said that a draft copy of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan is available on the City website. The Comprehensive Plan is scheduled to be on the May 1, 2007 agenda as a workshop and as an action item.

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 8:20 p.m.

Roger P. O'Dwyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Lees, City Secretary