

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor O'Dwyer called the special 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 Reeves gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

Bob Reeves
Larry D. Sheppard
Mark Peterson
Charlotte Heinze
Ray Don Clayton
Fred Harris
Frank D. Somera, Jr.

Andrea Gardner, Interim City Manager
James R. Thompson, City Attorney
Jane Lees, City Secretary

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Heinze announced that citizens who were interested in serving on the Recreation Center Steering Committee should get their applications to the City Secretary by September 14, 2007.

Mayor O'Dwyer made the following two announcements:

Notice of Public Hearing. The City of Copperas Cove, Texas, is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Copperas Cove for properties on the tax roll on August 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and August 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 507 South Main Street, Copperas Cove, Texas.

Notice of Vote on the Tax Rate. The City of Copperas Cove, Texas, is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in a tax increase in a public meeting to be held on September 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 507 South Main Street, Copperas Cove, Texas.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

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| 1. First public hearing on the tax increase for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
<i>Andrea Gardner, Interim City Manager/Finance Director</i> |
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Andrea Gardner, Interim City Manager/Finance Director gave an overview of agenda item E-1. Ms. Gardner said that at the regular council meeting on August 2, 2007, the council took a record vote on proposing a tax rate of \$.74 per \$100 of taxable assessed value. Any time that a tax rate is proposed at an amount higher than the lesser of the effective tax rate or the rollback tax rate, and in this particular case, the lower is the effective tax rate, it triggers these two public hearings. At that same meeting on August

2, the city council set the two public hearing dates for August 16 and August 21, 2007. A quorum of the governing body must be present at both hearings. Taxpayers must have the opportunity to express their views on the increase at each hearing. The governing body may not adopt a tax rate at either of these hearings. These hearings must be held within the boundaries of the unit, on a weekday that is not a holiday, and in a public building or, if a public building is not available, in a building normally open to the public. At each hearing, the governing body must announce the date, time and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the tax rate.

Mayor O'Dwyer opened the public hearing.

Speaking for: None.

Speaking against: None.

Mayor O'Dwyer closed the Public hearing.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Dwyer stated the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Roger P. O'Dwyer, Mayor

Jane Lees, City Secretary