

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Hull 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

Reverend Wayne Sage, Minister of the Eastside Baptist Church, gave the Invocation and Mayor Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

John Hull
Cheryl L. Meredith
Charlie D. Youngs
Chuck Downard
Danny Palmer
Bill L. Stephens
Willie C. Goode
Frank Seffrood

Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager
Charles E. Zech, City Attorney
Jane Lees, City Secretary

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Employee Service Awards. ***Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager***

July 2009 Recipient, Bobby Boone, Heavy Equipment Operator was presented with his 5-year service pin by City Manager Gardner.

2. Certificate of appreciation: Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau. ***John Hull, Mayor***

Mayor John Hull read the certificate of appreciation and presented it to Marty Smith, President of the Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau. He stated that the City appreciated everything that the Chamber does for the City of Copperas Cove.

3. Proclamation: Watch Your Car Awareness Month. ***John Hull, Mayor***

Mayor John Hull read the proclamation and presented it to Lt. Joey Canady of the Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force and Lt. Danny Austin of the Copperas Cove Police Department.

F. CITIZENS' FORUM At this time, citizens will be allowed to speak for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section.

Clint Kaetzel, 1110 West Avenue B. Mr. Kaetzel stated that he had reported a code violation to the City and when City employees checked out his report, they informed the person who had called in the report of who had turned them in. Mr. Kaetzel said he did not think that City employees should discuss this information with people. He said that this has caused problems between him and his neighbors.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the June 15, 2009 special council meeting. **Lisa Wilson, Alternate City Secretary**

2. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the June 16, 2009 special council meeting. **Lisa Wilson, Alternate City Secretary**

3. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the June 16, 2009 regular council meeting. **Stefanie Brown, Deputy City Secretary**

4. Consideration and action on a resolution 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. **Tim Molnes, Police Chief**

5. Consideration and action on granting Council Member Frank Seffrood, Position 7, an excused absence for the July 21, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. **Jane Lees, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary**

8. Capital Improvement Projects Update. **Wesley Wright, P.E., City Engineer**

9. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to continue as a member of the Oncor Cities Steering Committee. **Wanda Bunting, Director of Financial Services**

10. Financial report for the month ended May 31, 2009. **Wanda Bunting, Director of Financial Services**

Council Member Stephens requested item G-6 be removed from the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Palmer requested item G-7 be removed.

Council Member Downard made a motion to approve consent items G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-5, G-8, G-9 and G-10. Council Member Palmer seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

6. Consideration and action on authorizing the release of funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund to the Boys and Girls Club of Copperas Cove. **Wanda Bunting, Director of Financial Services**

Wanda Bunting, Director of Financial Services, gave an overview of agenda item G-6.

Council Member Stephens made a motion to postpone item G-6 to the next regular meeting, when a Boys and Girls Club representative could be present. Council Member Goode seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

7. Report of activities, collections and costs associated with the opening of the Transfer Station on Saturdays during FY 2009. **Michael Mundell, Superintendent of Solid Waste**

Michael Mundell, Superintendent of Solid Waste, gave an overview of agenda item G-7.

Council Member Palmer made a motion to approve the report. Council Member Downard seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION – None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on reappointment and appointment of members to Positions One, Three, and Five and correction of term expiration of Position Four on the Board of Adjustment. **Andrea M. Gardner**

Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager, gave an overview of agenda item I-1.

Council Member Seffrood made a motion to re-appoint Phillip Lavalis to Position One for a two-year term ending June 30, 2011. Council Member Goode seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council Member Downard made a motion to re-appoint Charles Hendricks to Position Three for a two-year term ending June 30, 2011. Council Member Palmer seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council Member Stephens made a motion to appoint Michael McDonnell to Position 5 for a two-year term ending June 30, 2011. Council Member Meredith seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council Member Palmer made a motion to correct the term of Frank Somera Jr., Position Four, to end June 30, 2010. Council Member Goode seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on a resolution, repealing Resolution No. 2008-09, providing for an abatement of water and sewer fees for the YMCA Copperas Cove Family Center. **Willie C. Goode, City Council Member Position 6**

Willie C. Goode, Council Member Position 6, gave an overview of agenda item I-2.

Council Member Goode made a motion to rescind the water abatement to the YMCA upon approval of Resolution No. 2009-30. Council Member Stephens seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-09, PROVIDING FOR AN ABATEMENT OF WATER AND SEWER FEES FOR THE YMCA COPPERAS COVE FAMILY CENTER.

3. Consideration and action on a resolution, repealing Resolution No. 2008-10, providing for an abatement of water and sewer fees for the Boys & Girls Club of Copperas Cove. **Willie C. Goode, City Council Member Position 6**

Willie C. Goode, Council Member Position 6, gave an overview of agenda item I-3.

Council Member Goode made a motion to rescind the water abatement to the Boys and Girls Club of Copperas Cove upon approval of Resolution No. 2009-31. Council Member Stephens seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Resolution caption is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10, PROVIDING FOR AN ABATEMENT OF WATER AND SEWER FEES FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF COPPERAS COVE.

4. Consideration and action on authorizing the Director of Financial Services to submit a ballot form for the approval of the amendments to Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) current Articles of Incorporation. **Wanda Bunting, Director of Financial Services**

Wanda Bunting, Director of Financial Services, gave an overview of agenda item I-4.

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

5. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to submit an amendment request in connection with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), allowing the utilization of the uncommitted CDBG grant funds for the construction of additional wastewater collection system improvements located in and near the original target area. **Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager**

Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager, gave an overview of agenda item I-5.

Council Member Downard made a motion to approve agenda item I-5. Council Member Goode seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

6. Consideration and action on an ordinance amending Personnel Policy No. 120, Salary Program Administration. **Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager**

Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager, gave an overview of agenda item I-6. Council Member Palmer made a motion to approve agenda item I-6. Council Member Goode seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICY NO. 120, SALARY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

7. Consideration and action on authorizing the Camp Live Oak improvement project through a partnership with the Copperas Cove Boy Scouts troop number 253. ***Ken Wilson, Director of Community Services***

Ken Wilson, Director of Community Services, gave an overview of agenda item I-7. Mr. Wilson introduced Anthony Spears, who presented his plans for an Eagle Scout project.

Council Member Seffrood made a motion to approve agenda item I-7. Council Member Stephens seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ENTITIES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

K. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Youngs asked City staff to find out if there have been any other entities who received abatements for water and sewer. He also read a letter aloud from Trent Robinson, a young man who requested that sidewalks be built on Oak Hill Drive.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

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

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Hull adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

John Hull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Lees, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary