

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 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

Rev. Thomas Edwards, Clear Creek Baptist Church, gave the Invocation and Mayor Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager
Charles E. Zech, City Attorney
Stefanie Brown, Deputy City Secretary

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Seffrood informed the citizens that Second Chance Animal Shelter suffered a fire over the weekend and encouraged the community to help out.

Council Member Goode stated he checked the storage of the EDC sign and the only thing left is when and where the sign will be placed.

Council Member Downard announced that the Mount Hiram Lodge No. 595 was conducting a leveling ceremony for the New Police Department on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. and invited the public to come.

Mayor Hull wished Tim Molnes, Police Chief, a Happy Birthday!

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Employee Service Awards – November 2009. **Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager**

Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager, presented the November 2009 recipient with his pin: Frank Haase, Drainage Laborer – 10 years.

2. Employee of the Quarter Recognitions – 2nd Quarter 2009. **Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager**

Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager, presented the 2nd Quarter 2009 recipients with a certificate and pins: Public Safety Division – Robert Martin, Division Chief of Prevention, Community Services Division – Gene Williams – Parks Supervisor, Public Works Division – Robert Mitchell – Solid Waste Driver, and Administrative Services Division – Donna Baker, Public Affairs/Volunteer Coordinator.

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.

Chad Pritchard, 4507 Mallard Lane, Killeen, Texas. Mr. Prichard owns the pizzeria on 212 South 2nd Street. He would like to see the City install more lighting in the downtown area.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approving the minutes from the workshop council meeting on October 26, 2009. **Jane Lees, City Secretary**

2. Consideration and action on approving the minutes from the regular council meeting on October 26, 2009. **Jane Lees, City Secretary**

Council Member Downard made a motion to approve items G-1 and G-2 as presented. Council Member Palmer seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1. Public Hearing and action on an ordinance amending the 2009-10 fiscal year budget for the City of Copperas Cove. **Wanda Bunting, Director of Financial Services**

Wanda Bunting, Director of Financial Services, gave an overview of agenda item H-1.

Mayor Hull opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Speaking for: Betty Price, 747 Armadillo. Ms. Price gave a brief overview of the C.H.A.M.P.S Heart of Texas Bowl and introduced Peter Simpson, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Speaking Against: None.

Mayor Hull closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Council Member Downard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2009-41 amending Ordinance 2009-10 as presented. Council Member Meredith seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The ordinance caption is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-41

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1,

2009, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on appointment of new members to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission. ***Silvia Rhoads, Executive Director, Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful***

Silvia Rhoads, Executive Director, gave an overview of agenda item I-1.

Council Member Goode made a motion to appoint Alan Weavodou to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission. Council Member Seffrood seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action on establishing a date to hold a public hearing and designation of a reinvestment zone for purposes of granting tax abatement per the Texas Property Tax Code. ***Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager***

Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager, gave an overview of agenda item I-2.

Council Member Meredith made a motion to set a public hearing for the designation of a reinvestment zone for November 17, 2009. Council Member Downard seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Mike Beavers, 5101 FM 439, Belton, Texas. Mr. Beavers is a representative for Stony Brook Assisted Living and requests the council set the earliest possible date to set a public hearing for this project.

Council Member Downard made a motion to designate the 5.02 acres as the reinvestment zone that was attached to the abatement application. Council Member Goode 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 – None.

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 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

John Hull, Mayor

Stefanie Brown, Deputy City Secretary