

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.**

A **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor called the workshop meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

B **ROLL CALL**

Present: John Hull
Cheryl L. Meredith
Charlie D. Youngs
Gary L. Kent
Kenn Smith
Jim Schmitz
Frank Seffrood
Danny Palmer

Attendees: Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager
Jane Lees, City Secretary

C **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1 Presentation and discussion of Project 25 Radio Communications. **Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager**

Ms. Gardner said that on July 5, 2011, Jim Reed from CTCOG presented information to the Council regarding Project 25. After that meeting, the Council approved a letter from the Mayor to Texas Legislators requesting an extension of the deadline for compliance with Project 25. As of this date, the City has not received any replies to the letter.

Deputy Fire Chief, Gary Young, gave a presentation explaining Project 25 which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The entire cost for the City to become Project 25 compliant would be approximately \$2,000,000. The City can, if it wished to do so, proceed forward and replace the entire radio system for this cost. However, there is the possibility for grant funding each year over the next few years to assist with costs. If the entire replacement were done, the City may no longer be eligible for this funding. A phased approach to replacing equipment is recommended to become compliant.

2 Direction to City staff on item C-1 above. **Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager**

Issue #1 - For fiscal year 2012 and several years out, there is \$190,000 available each year through a Homeland Security Grant. What is the recommendation of the Council for its use? Council consensus is to purchase radios with the \$190,000 in order to use the money and not have to return it. The radios should be Project 25 compliant and backwards compatible.

Issue #2 - Does the City wish to remain on a stand alone infrastructure system, or

partner with Bell County? Council consensus is to continue the City's stand alone system.

- D **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Mayor Hull adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

John Hull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Lees, City Secretary

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

A **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Hull called the regular council meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

B **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Rev. Billy Sanders of North Pointe Church gave the invocation and Mayor Hull led the pledge of allegiance.

C **ROLL CALL**

Present: Cheryl L. Meredith
Charlie D. Youngs
Gary L. Kent
Danny Palmer
Kenn Smith
Jim Schmitz
Frank Seffrood
John Hull

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

D **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Council Member Kent asked everyone to take time during the upcoming holiday season to think about those less fortunate than us and to assist if we can; also remember that there will be many soldiers returning during this time as well. Council Member Schmitz and Mayor Hull both reminded everyone that Cove plays Rowlett this coming Friday night.

E **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

1 Employee of the Quarter Recognitions – 3rd Quarter 2011. **Michael Ramming**,
Fire Battalion Chief

- Howard Dixon, Animal Control Officer
- Donald Denniston, Health Inspector

F **CITIZENS FORUM** – Mr. Mike Wayne Coleman, 606 S. 13th Street. Mr. Coleman said he is applying for a grant from USDA World Development to assist him in placing a transitional house within the City of Copperas Cove. Currently, he stated that there are no transitional houses within 50 miles of Copperas Cove, therefore, this is a needed facility. He stated that all furnishings and equipment has been purchased by him with no assistance, however, he does need to request funds to purchase the physical property. He stated that he dropped off information and a resolution at City Hall that the Council will need to approve.

- G CONSENT AGENDA** – All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.
- 1 Consideration and action on approving minutes from the workshop council meeting of November 1, 2011. **Jane Lees, City Secretary**
 - 2 Consideration and action on approving minutes from the regular council meeting of November 1, 2011. **Jane Lees, City Secretary**
 - 3 Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Hill Country Community Action Association for use of the Head Start Building at, 1008 North Drive, to provide a Head Start preschool program for the youth of Copperas Cove. **Andy Cedillo, Director of Parks & Leisure Services**

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items G-1, G-2 and G-3 as written. Council Member Kent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

H PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION - None.

I ACTION ITEMS

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

Council Member Kent made a motion to reappoint Elizabeth Sherman and Bob Hill to the KCCB Commission. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- 2 Consideration and action on a resolution calling for the election of a candidate(s) to serve on the Lampasas Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. **Ryan D. Haverlah, Assistant Director of Financial Services/Budget Director**

Council Member Schmitz made a motion to allocate 65 votes to Mike Kriegel. Council Member Kent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-49

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAMPASAS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

- 3 Consideration and action on a resolution calling for the election of a candidate(s) to serve on the Coryell Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and discussion with the Coryell Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser. **Ryan D. Haverlah, Assistant Director of Financial Services/Budget Director**

Council Member Kent made a motion to allocate 18 votes to Doug Cook and 987 votes to Al Castillo. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion followed and Council Member Schmitz made a motion to amend the original motion as follows: Allocate 18 votes to Doug Cook, 834 votes to Al Castillo and 153 to Justin Carothers. Council Member Kent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A vote on the main motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-47

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

- 4 Consideration and possible action on nominating an individual to serve on the Board of Directors of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power. **Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager**

Council Member Palmer volunteered to serve on the Board.

Council Member Schmitz made a motion to nominate Council Member Palmer to the Board of Directors of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- 5 Discussion and direction concerning Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 11 of the City Code of Ordinances (Commercial Activities in City Park). **Andy Cedillo, Director of Parks & Leisure Services**

Council Member Schmitz made a recommendation that City staff draft Section 13-11, Commercial Activities in City Park and establish a fee for commercial vendors to sell in the park. The Council agreed by consensus.

- 6 Consideration and action on an ordinance amending Article 4, Regulation of Alarm Systems, Sections 4-121 through Sections 4-132 of the City of Copperas Cove Code of Ordinances. **Mike Morton, Chief Building Official**

Council Member Meredith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2011-64 as presented. Council Member Palmer seconded the motion.

Council Member Smith made a motion to amend the original motion to strike any requirement for a permit for a residential alarm permit. Council Member Kent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A vote on the original motion to approve Ordinance No. 2011-64 as amended passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO 2011-64

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, BY AMENDING THE REGULATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PROVISIONS.

- J REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ENTITIES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
- 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 7:49 p.m.**

ATTEST:

John Hull, Mayor

Jane Lees, City Secretary