



The Town of Coopertown  
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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**April 24, 2012**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

City Recorder, Kathy Smith, called roll:

Vice Mayor Ruth "Here"  
Alderman Willms "Here"  
Alderman Anderson "Here"  
Alderman Lee "Here"  
Mayor Childs "Here"

**City Recorder's Report**

City Recorder, Kathy Smith presented the current Bank Balances:

1. General Fund	\$185,761
2. Committed Funds	\$ 60,000 (storm emergency)
3. State Street Aid	\$108,586
4. Drug Fund	\$ 4,348

**IV. Approve Board Meeting Minutes from 3-27-2012**

Mayor Childs asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 27, 2012.

Alderman Lee motioned to approve the meeting minutes.

Vice Mayor Ruth seconded the motion.

No discussion.

The roll call was:

Vice Mayor Ruth "Yes"  
Alderman Willms "Yes"  
Alderman Anderson "Yes"  
Alderman Lee "Yes"

The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. Comments from Aldermen/Committee Reports**

Alderman Lee advised the Community Development Committee met. Issues like spreading the word about chipping. They discussed bringing a sense of community to Coopertown. They added a new member, Valerie Buck.

Alderman Lee advised the Historical Committee met. They discussed inviting older citizens who have some history they would like to share as a presentation to the group. Also the Trail of Tears signs were shown and an unveiling discussed.

Fire Contract expires 6-30-12 – Robert Dale to review and suggest changes.

Trail of Tears signs set to be installed in June to coincide with the “Remember the Removal” ride.

## **VI. Police Chief's Report**

Mayor Childs presented the Police Department Activity report for the period of March 20, 2012 through April 20, 2012.

Solutia Collection Agency numbers were presented by Mayor Childs as follows:

Balance forward as of March 26, 2012 = \$414,005.86.

Balance of Unpaid Citations turned over to Solutia = \$413,801.36

Total collected to date = \$64,645.00

## **VII. Old Business**

1. Update on:

a. Recap Pre-bid Line-up Meetings

Five (5) contractors showed up and we are expecting their bids for the Paving Contract is May 2<sup>nd</sup> for General Maintenance on the roads is April 25<sup>th</sup>

b. Movement in Legislature to Opt-out of Sprinkler Requirement, allow police to open locked cars, Horse Slaughter facilities, Synthetic drugs law passed

c. Have turned in Application for TML Loan and are awaiting a response

2. Special Event Permit, Ordinance #2012-001

Discussion included: Intent is to provide a service for the town, fairness, protect citizen's lives, safety, health, attempt to avoid problems such as wrecks, identify businesses operating without proper zoning and license. Will have no effect on family gatherings and events with little likelihood of disturbing the tranquility of the neighbors around the site of the event, no permit fee to churches, schools and 501 c 3 organizations. Exception: citizen complaints over an event will elicit response from the building commissioner, the police or both. The discussion also included the suggestion of coming back with a proposal to deal with the three objectives of the permit separately and not try to include all current objectives in one permit.

3. Month Closing Tolerance; Per advice of MTAS the Board did not set a month end bank account closing tolerance.

## VIII. New Business

1. Contributing to "Realizing Robertson's Future" – Tabled until next month's meeting agenda.
2. Retention of Recording of Minutes

Discussion included keeping recorded minutes of Board Meetings for a term of one year instead of until the written Minutes are adopted by the Board.

Mayor Childs asked for a motion to keep the recorded minutes of the Board Meetings for a term of one year.

Motion proposed by Alderman Anderson  
Seconded by Alderman Lee

Roll call:

Vice Mayor Ruth	"No"
Alderman Willms	"No"
Alderman Anderson	"Yes"
Alderman Lee	"Yes"
Mayor Childs	"No"

Motion failed by a 3-2 vote.

3. Vision Insurance; Provide the Option

Discussion included whether or not to provide the option of Vision Insurance through the state program with no cost to the city. It gives the employee the option to choose vision coverage.

Mayor Childs asked for a motion to fill out the paperwork to let the city employees have an option to go with the state vision group or keep the one they have.

Motion proposed by Alderman Willms  
Motion seconded by Alderman Lee

Roll call:

Vice Mayor Ruth	"Yes"
Alderman Willms	"Yes"
Alderman Anderson	"Yes"
Alderman Lee	"Yes"

The motion passed unanimously

4. Building Security

Discussion included whether or not to accept ADT's proposal or cancel the contract. It also included going out on bids or purchasing and installing the system with City employees.

Mayor Childs asked for a motion to reject the ADT proposal, to get out of the contract.

Motion was proposed by Alderman Lee  
Motion seconded by Alderman Willms

Roll call:

Vice Mayor Ruth "Yes"  
Alderman Willms "Yes"  
Alderman Anderson "Yes"  
Alderman Lee "Yes"

The motion passed unanimously

Mayor Childs asked for a motion to go out on bid after the other contract is cancelled and find out what a system would cost to install.

Motion was proposed by Alderman Lee to go out on bid for a new security system  
Motion was seconded by Alderman Willms

Roll call:

Vice Mayor Ruth "Yes"  
Alderman Willms "Yes"  
Alderman Anderson "Yes"  
Alderman Lee "Yes"

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### 5. 2011-2012 Budget Projections Review

Mayor Childs outlined notable items in the 2011-2012 budget which included:

Total General Fund Yearend excess (Total Available Funds minus Total Expenses)  
Total Available Funds = \$986,883  
Total General Fund Expenses = \$796,347  
Yearend Excess = \$190,536

Total State Street Aid Yearend excess (Total Available Funds minus Total Expenses)  
Total Available (SSAF) Funds = \$180,044  
Total SSAF Expenses = \$43,615  
Yearend Excess - \$136,429

To pave roads we need to move \$125,000 from the General Fund into the State Street Aid Fund. This will leave \$65,536 in the General Fund and the SSAF will have \$261,429. If we allocated \$200,000 to pave roads, our SSAF will have \$61,429 as carry over for next year.

6. Contribution to Schools; Resolution # 2012-003

Mayor Childs asked for a motion to approve Resolution #2012-003 donation to the Coopertown Schools with a total of \$5,000.

Motion was proposed by Alderman Anderson with \$2,500 to each school  
Motion Seconded by Vice Mayor Ruth

Roll call:

Vice Mayor Ruth "Yes"  
Alderman Willms "Yes"  
Alderman Anderson "Yes"  
Alderman Lee "Yes"

The motion passed unanimously

7. 2012-2013 Budget Work Session May 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Childs asked for a motion to hold a work session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to discuss the 2012-2013 Budget, for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was proposed by Alderman Willms  
Vice Mayor Ruth seconded the motion

Roll call:

Vice Mayor Ruth "Yes"  
Alderman Willms "Yes"  
Alderman Anderson "Yes"  
Alderman Lee "Yes"

The motion passed unanimously

**IX. Comments from Mayor**

1. Power of Ten Regional Conference; May 23, 1 - 6:00 p.m.  
Mayor Childs advised that this costs the citizens nothing and we need to know who would like to attend because we have to sign up.
2. Sam Edwards, Chief Legal Counsel, GNRC to Present to the Planning Commission on 5-21-12, 6:00 p.m.

**X. Adjournment**

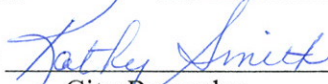
Mayor Childs asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Vice Mayor Ruth motioned to adjourn.  
Alderman Willms seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Allen, City Clerk

Minutes approved on: May 22, 2012

Signed:   
Mayor

Attest by:   
City Recorder