

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023, 5:00 P.M.**

**COUPLAND FIRE STATION**

**403 FM 1466**

**COUPLAND, TEXAS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Call Public Hearing to Order and Declare a Quorum.**

Mayor Piper called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 P.M. and declared a quorum.

**Discussion concerning the City of Coupland's proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2023.**

There was no discussion; there were no citizens present; no questions asked.

**Adjourn Public Hearing.**

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

**Citizen(s) Communications.** (The City Council welcomes public comments on items not listed on the agenda. However, the Council cannot respond until the item is posted on a future meeting Agenda. Citizens who wish to speak at a council meeting must complete an "Appearance Before City Council" form at the meeting (Three-minute limit).

There were no citizen communications.

**Discussion regarding the levy of an ad valorem tax within the corporate limits of the City of Coupland, Texas.**

Barbara made a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.201431 per \$100 valuation. Russell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Discussion concerning the Coupland City Secretary Qualifications.**

It was stated that a posting had not been done; council must decide what to include in a posting for the position. Discussion ensued and a consensus reached. The posting will be sent to the Taylor Press, TML webpage, and the city's websites.

**2023-2024 Budget Workshop and tax rate.**

Council will have a Public Hearing on or before August 28, 2023 to propose its ad valorem tax rate. The proposed Budget will be presented on or before September 14, 2023 at a regular council meeting.

**Other activity.**

No report was given.

**Coupland Fire Department/ESD 10 activity.**

The burn ban is in place. To date, there have been fifty-six calls with this being comprised of medical as well as outside fires. The Avery Pickett department has ceased operation. ESD #10 is now 214 sq. miles. Taylor voted to include 8 sq. miles in its jurisdiction. There are parts previously serviced by Avery Pickett still not covered, but all departments are presently responding to calls.

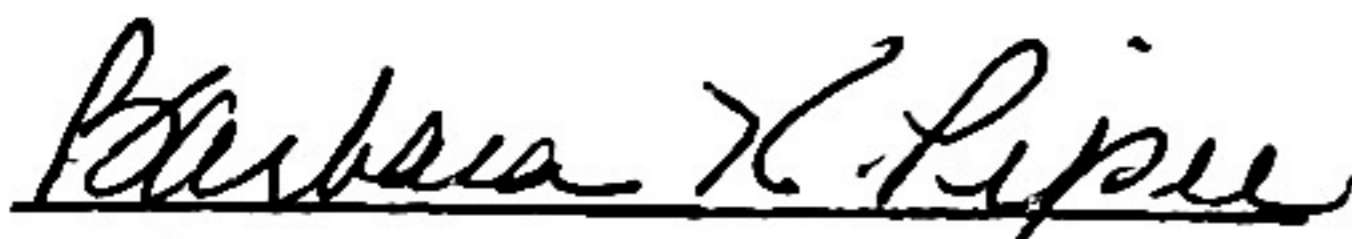
**Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.**

There were no special events named.

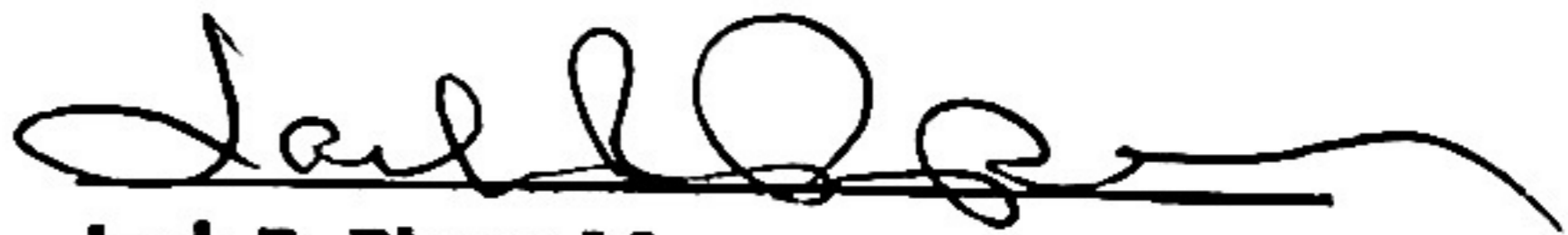
The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be September 14, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



**Barbara K. Piper, Alderwoman**



**Jack R. Piper, Mayor**