

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY- NOVEMBER 11, 2021 6:00 P. M.
COUPLAND FIRE STATION
403 FM 1466
COUPLAND, TEXAS**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order and Declare a Quorum.

Mayor Jack Piper called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. and declared a quorum with the following Aldermen present: Susan Garry, Barbara Piper, Karen Marosko, and John Ralston-Bates. Megan Cargill was absent.

2. Review and Canvass the results of the November 2, 2021 elections for 1 position for Mayor, 2 positions for Aldermen and Proposition A (The reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Coupland, Texas at a rate of one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

Install newly elected positions.

The Oath of office was administered to Mayor Jack Piper and Aldermen Karen Marosko and Susan Garry.

3. Review and Approve minutes of Council Meeting held on October 14, 2021.

Karen Marosko made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for the meeting on October 14, 2021. Barbara Piper seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

4. Financial Report as of October 31, 2021.

The City's net worth as of October 31, 2021 was \$348,830.21.

5. 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 minutes limit).

Several citizens have complained about the bright lights from the commercial buildings on Hoxie. Mayor Piper reported that he talked to Mr. Voelker and he agreed to turn the security lights down. Mr. Voelker will take care of this within a week.

Peter Julian indicated that cars were driving extremely fast on Hoxie and this posed a danger to not only residents but other traffic as well. One of the suggestions was to install speed bumps on Hoxie. It was noted that prior to doing this a traffic study would have to be completed.

6. Discuss strategic planning committee.

The council discussed the fact that growth is coming to our area. In order to help control the type of growth desired, a strategic planning committee is needed. John Rolston-Bates made a motion for a committee to be formed with interested citizens being on the committee. Council approved the formation of this committee; John will present an overview at the next council meeting.

7. Memorandum of understanding (MOU) executed between Mike Gleason, WILCO Sheriff and the City of Coupland.

The agreement was executed by Sheriff Michael T. Gleason of Williamson County on October 1, 2021 and Mayor Jack Piper on October 15, 2021.

8. Road Maintenance in the City of Coupland.

A suggestion was made to investigate the cost to stripe the center of C.R. 458 as it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic when the sun is setting. Discussion ensued; no action was taken.

Estimates were presented from Alpha Paving for full depth repairs on CR 458 from Hwy 95 to the first culvert, approximately 1,400 ft. long and 22 ft. wide for \$196,593.90. No action was taken.

Also, various street repairs on Taylor, Austin and Elliott St. were included in council's packet totaling \$11,746.50. Karen Marosko made a motion to accept the bid for repair work on Taylor, Austin and Elliott Streets. Susan Garry seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. Mayor Piper will contact Alpha Paving to schedule the work.

9. Follow-up on HBO MAX Production.

A drone shot was scheduled on October 19th for filming on various properties located on CR 458.

10. Report on Muery/So. Broad project.

This project is on hold until Manville WSC completes the replacement of water lines on the west side of Broad Street.

11. Discuss a City Facebook page.

This item was tabled.

12. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.

There was no report on Fire Department activity.

13. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.


There is a new dog restraint law passed by the legislature during one of its special sessions. This law will become effective in January of 2022. Fines will be assessed to owners who fail to comply.


14. The next Coupland Council meeting will be determined.

15. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


LAVERNE ROHLACK, CITY SECRETARY


JACK R. PIPER, MAYOR