

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY - JANUARY 13, 2022 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: Barbara Piper, Karen Marosko, Megan Cargill, and John Ralston-Bates.

2. Review and Approve minutes of Council Meeting held on December 9, 2021.

Barbara Piper made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for the meeting on December 9, 2021. Karen Marosko seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

3. Financial Report as of December 31, 2021.

The City's net worth as of December 31, 2021 was \$381,240.07. Additional Ad Valorem taxes will be coming in with the deadline to pay taxes without penalty being the end of January 2022. Alpha Paving submitted a bid of \$19,365.96 to repair the pavement on CR 458 starting on the west end of the first curve and continuing east through the curve. Barbara Piper made a motion to accept the bid as submitted by Alpha Paving. John Ralston-Bates seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

4. 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).

There were no citizen communications.

5. Strategic planning committee to meet January 18, 2022 at the Coupland Fire Station.

John Ralston-Bates reported that the strategic planning committee will meet January 18 at 6:PM in the conference room of the firehouse. The notice has been posted in the post office and on the city's website. Numerous residents have shown an interest; however, current plans are for the committee to consist of a chairman and five members. The Coupland School has expressed an interest and will be attending meetings. The committee's goal is to discuss upcoming growth and how the city will relate to and plan for the impending growth.

6. Road Maintenance in the City of Coupland.

Mayor Piper reported on the traffic study previously made for three days on Hoxie St. in Coupland. There were 1,559 vehicles with the average speed of 27 mph. The Board discussed

the question of speed bumps or stop signs possibly at Hoxie and Austin St.; there were differences of opinion on the need so the matter was ultimately shelved until further notice. Mayor Piper will send out the entire traffic study to council members.

7. Discuss firework issues.

There were more fireworks in the area this year possibly because of the fireworks stand, however, no problems were noted other than several instances of them being a nuisance.

8. Facebook page for the City.

Megan Cargill will communicate with Katlin Voelker regarding setting up a Facebook page for the City of Coupland. The page would include information of current events in the city. The cost for setting up the page and maintaining it will be considered.

9. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.

The Coupland Volunteer Fire Department will be having their Annual Chili Supper on February 26th starting at 5 pm, it will be operating as a drive thru to ensure safety. The ESD recently approved a budget to include the purchase of a 3,000-gallon truck by the end of summer. Coupland and Thrall VFDs are looking forward to becoming a single ESD #10 when approved by the ESD Board. A question was posed relating to paid positions at Coupland VFD. It was stated that volunteers responding to calls are now being paid \$5.00 per call.

10. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.

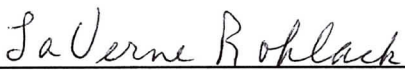
Barbara Piper reported the Coupland Civic Organization will meet at the Coupland School at 6:30 pm on January 31st. Tammy Brinkman, Superintendent, will give a tour of the new school facilities and the renovated old facilities.

11. The next Coupland Council meeting will be February 10, 2022.


12. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



LAVERNE ROHLACK, CITY SECRETARY



JACK R. PIPER, MAYOR