

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY - DECEMBER 9, 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.

**2. Review and Approve minutes of Council Meeting held on November 11, 2021.**

Barbara Piper made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for the meeting on November 11, 2021. Karen Marosko seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

**3. Financial Report as of November 30, 2021.**

The City's net worth as of October 31, 2021 was \$357,734.73. The cash reserves are included in the aforementioned total; additional ad valorem taxes are being paid and reflected in the city's income.

**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. Discuss strategic planning committee.**

John Ralston-Bates suggested the strategic planning committee meet on the third Tuesday of January so recommendations can be discussed and made to the council. He recommended no more than seven citizens on the committee, however, the meeting will be open for anyone to attend. He reported growth is coming to Coupland and asked how do we want to grow? The meeting will be public and can be listed on Facebook, in the Coupland Herald and other social media websites. Council had favorable comments regarding John's suggestions.

**6. Road Maintenance in the City of Coupland.**

Mayor Piper reported several roads in the city have been repaired and he has requested bids to fix the pot holes on C.R. 458.

The contract was let on November 1st for Manville to move the water line on the west side of Broad St. The road project will be delayed until this work has been completed.

Karen Marosko has reviewed USDA low interest loans and reported that there are no grants available at this time.

**7. Discuss a City Facebook page.**

Barbara Piper reported Katlin Voelker has agreed to be the administrator of a Facebook page for the City. The page would only be for announcements and factual information. Kaitlin will be contacted.

**8. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.**

John Ralston-Bates reported Coupland Fire Department and Thrall Fire Department will be a single ESD #10 when approved by the ESD Board; their target date is October.

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

Barbara Piper reported the current City Attorney is resigning; the City has spoken with Paige Saenz, an attorney with the same law firm.

Jack and Barbara Piper along with Tony Prete met with developers concerning a new upscale subdivision that is planned off Hwy 95 and C.R. 453. The plan is in its very, very early stages; much additional work will be done prior to submitting a Comprehensive Plan.

**10. The next Coupland Council meeting will be January 13, 2022.**

**11. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



LAVERNE ROHLACK, CITY SECRETARY



JACK R. PIPER, MAYOR