

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY-OCTOBER 14, 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, Megan Cargill, and John Ralston-Bates.

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

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

3. Financial Report as of September 30, 2021.

The City's net worth as of September 30, 2021 was \$344,146.46.

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).

Susan Schmidt spoke regarding C.R. 458 and solutions for the issues. She reported that graveling the road was not a safe solution and spot repairs were not lasting with the number of vehicles hauling round bales and grain trucks traveling on the road. She suggested that a grant writer could request a grant to repair the road or it could be a bond issue. If a request was made to the Williamson County to "take the road" back, then this would include 1000 feet on both sides of the road, thus removing a large number of properties from being subject to a city tax. The next subject Susan addressed were rules of law that pertain to a General Law Type B City. All of these laws are found in the Texas Local Government Code Book and this is what the city refers to in governing. She also stated that this was the book the incorporation committee followed during the incorporation process for Coupland. It was pointed out that there will most likely be a new book published in the near future following the recent close of the third special session.

5. Discussion regarding road maintenance in the City of Coupland.

Mayor Piper reported the mobile home at 306 Commerce has been moved and the grass has been mowed. The city appreciates the new owner's cooperation after having been encouraged in written communication to comply. Road maintenance in the city was discussed and it was agreed that the city should pursue grant requests. Repairs are needed on Elliot, Taylor and Powell Streets as well as C.R. 458.

6. Update on Muery/So. Broad project.

Barbara Piper reported the Interlocal Agreement has been signed and delivered to the County. Construction is projected to start in November.

7. Follow up regarding a City Facebook page.

This item was tabled.

8. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.

The Fire Academy operated by ESD #10 will close at the end of October and will be the first in the state to take the new State Firefighters and Fire Marshals Association electronic testing.

The Fire Department will be helping direct traffic in Coupland when HBO will be filming around St. Peter's church on Wathen St, also on So. Commerce St., C.R. 458 when it will be closed intermittently on Oct. 19th. for filming.

On Oct. 28th Star Flight SF 2 crew will be conducting a landing zone training in Coupland by the Fire Station.

On Nov. 6th the Fire Department will be present at the Coupland School Harvest Festival.

9. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/announcements.

During March of 2022 there will be an Austin Charity bike ride for mentally challenged children. The city was contacted and the parking issue was discussed. The organizers of the event are going to search out various areas for parking in and around Coupland.

The election is on November 2nd at St. Peters Church Fellowship Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Exercise your right to vote.

10. The next Coupland Council meeting will be November 11, 2021.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



LAVERNE ROHLACK, CITY SECRETARY



JACK R. PIPER, MAYOR