

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY-AUGUST 12, 2021 5:00 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 5:00 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 June 10, 2021.

Barbara Piper made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for the meeting on June 10, 2019. The July 8, 2021 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. Susan Garry seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

3. Financial Report as of June 30, 2021 and July 8, 2021.

The City's net worth as of June 30, 2021 was \$354,802.71 and July 31, 2021 was \$352,923.87.

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).

A resident asked if the City could spray for mosquitoes. The Mayor will check with another city to see what services may be available.

5. Clean Up Day follow-up.

Clean-up day was a success with four dumpsters filled however a mattress was dumped. The company did take the illegally dumped mattress and has not charged the city anything extra.

6. Discussion regarding road maintenance in the city of Coupland.

a) Culvert(s) CR458.

Mayor Piper reported and the data provided to council indicated that at the present time the culverts were not in need of replacement. The problem according to the City Engineer and Glen Reynolds of Coyote Construction is that the road is sinking and this is what is causing the dip in

the pavement. This sections of 458 where there are culverts need to be filled in. Mayor Piper will talk to the City Engineer to get the name or names of contractors who do this type of work.

The bid from Coyote Construction was reviewed and council decided not to pursue culvert replacement at this time.

More conversation continued with the possibility of exploring speed bumps and seeing whether the City could get grant funds from the Infrastructure Bill currently being debated in Congress. Megan and John will check on these two possibilities.

b) Renovation of Murray & So. Broad

Williamson County will host an open house on August 26, 2021 to unveil the plans for the renovation of Muery and South Broad. This is part of the 2019 Wilco Bond Project.

Mowing occurred on 458; a wide path was mowed and it is believed that the county may have done this.

7. Update on mobile home at 306 Commerce.

According to the real property records of Williamson County, the property was sold the later part of June, 2021. The Warranty Deed stated that the mobile home would be moved by October, 2021 as it was not included in the sale.

8. Proposed movie location in Coupland.

Notice has been received that HBO Max has requested permission to film a mini-series in Coupland. The dates specified were the end of September, 2021 thru March, 2022. Residents along the proposed street closure(s) have been contacted by HBO Max. Mayor Piper is in contact with the location manager and has requested more information.

9. Discussion & approval of Resolution No. 2021-8-12-01 to approve calling a General Election for the City Officers to be held November 2, 2021.

Barbara Piper made a motion the General Election for City Officers be held November 2, 2021. John Ralston-Bates seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

10. Discussion regarding setting the proposed Ad Valorem tax rate for 2021-2022 and dates associated with each task and initial discussion regarding the proposed City of Coupland's Budget for the FY October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Last year's ad valorem tax rate was \$0.237549. Assessed values for properties within the City of Coupland have increased. Based upon the aforementioned, the recommended rate for the tax year 2021 is \$0.215934. This rate will avoid a rollback or no new revenue tax rate election.

Barbara Piper made the motion to have an election to renew our 1% sales tax to be used for road maintenance. It was noted that this is not a new tax but the renewal of the tax approved previously. John Ralston-Bates seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

11. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.

There were 49 calls in July. The Coupland Dept. sent three firefighters to TEEX Municipal Fire Academy in College Station.

**12. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.
National Night Out held on August 3rd**

There were approximately 40 people who attended National Night Out. Matt Kriedel with the Wilco Sheriff's Department gave the attendees tips on what was happening in our area; Russ Boles, our County Commissioner, told those in attendance what was happening in his Precinct. John Ralston-Bates gave the crowd an update on Fire Department calls, and other activity. The Fire Department drove vehicles and kids (young and old) enjoyed climbing inside to check things out.

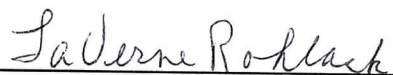
13. The Council budget workshop will be August 27, 2021.

14. The next Coupland Council meeting will be September 9, 2021.

15. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



LAVERNE ROHLACK, CITY SECRETARY



JACK R. PIPER, MAYOR