

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY – MARCH 10, 2022, 6:00 PM
COUPLAND FIRE STATION
403 FM 1466
COUPLAND, TEXAS**

REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and declared a quorum with all members of the council being present.

2. Review and approve minutes of Council meetings held on February 10, 2022.

The minutes from the meeting of February 10, 2022 were presented and approved.

3. Financial Reports as of February 28, 2022.

The Financial Reports for the period ending February 28, 2022 were presented; the total balance for both accounts at Citizens was \$401,975.37. Small amounts of ad valorem taxes continue to be received.

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-minute limit).

Caroline Harris, a candidate for State Representative, was in attendance and gave a brief background on her qualifications.

Tim Worthy posed the question of how many mobile homes are allowed per lot. Discussion ensued regarding homes that were previously on city lots. The end result was that there are no new mobile homes allowed on “old town” Coupland city lots.

5. Update Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on February 22, 2022.

The next Strategic Planning Committee meeting will be held on March 15, 2022. At their last meeting the committee discussed in detail a means by which to annex property presently in the city’s ETJ and posed the idea of contacting large land owners who were in the process of selling or thinking about selling their land to see if they would be agreeable to requesting annexation into the city. Various ideas were presented, including meeting with other land owners to gauge their interest. Also brought up was the idea of in the next several years there may be a need for more city services, i.e., sewer.

6. Road maintenance in the City of Coupland.

Reminder: Clean-up day will be May 14th.

Alpha Paving has been contacted regarding the issues on CR 458. The bid to patch the potholes is \$9,985.00. Work will commence as soon as they can schedule it; hopefully next week. A reminder that clean-up day is scheduled for May 14, 2022 was announced.

7. Facebook page – What do you want on it?

Discussion ensued regarding the City’s upcoming Facebook page. It was recommended that the city’s page follow the same criteria as the city’s website page. Megan will contact Kaitlin in April.

8. Discuss Use Tax.

There was an omission in the wording for the reallocation of the sales and use tax when it was voted upon during the November 2021 election. Mayor Piper will do additional research and discuss with the city’s attorney.

9. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.

Coupland Fire Department activity: The chili supper was successful with \$8,000.00 being donated. Next year all hopes are that they will be back to normal with the event held in the bay with people being able to eat and visit onsite. They are continuing the efforts to merge into ESD 10. The ISO rate is improving, it being just over a 5 now. The new tender has been ordered.

10. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.

It was announced that the deadline for submitting articles for the May issue of the Coupland Herald is April 10th. The March 28 CCO meeting's program will feature Supt. Tammy Brinkman and School Board Member Kandice Samuelson. They will discuss the upcoming bond election.

11. The next Coupland Council meeting will be held on April 14, 2022.

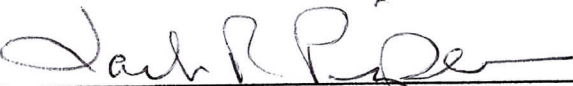
12. Adjournment.

Adjournment at approximately 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



BARBARA K. PIPER, ALDERWOMAN



MAYOR, CITY OF COUPLAND