

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

2. Review and Approve minutes of Council Meeting held on November 12, 2020.

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

3. Financial Report as of November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

The City's net worth as of November 30, 2020 was \$284,406.62 and the net worth as of December 31, 2020 was \$307,714.09. Mayor Piper stated there had been no major issues. The majority of the ad valorem taxes for 2020 will most likely be paid during the month of January.

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 citizen who lives on CR 460 reported there is 14 Ft. tower near his residence with a blinking light and additionally loud noises that are a nuisance. Council sympathized with his concerns however this property does not fall within the City limits nor is in in the City's ETJ. He was told that his best option would be to call and report this to the County.

Tim and Barbara Worthy attended to ask why the council has not passed a nuisance ordinance because they are having trouble selling a home because of the trash and debris across the street from their home. A council member explained that the nuisance ordinance had not been addressed as they had worked on and passed a RV Park Ordinance. They were further informed that one of the goals of the council would be to continue working on a Nuisance Ordinance.

5. Discussion interest from broadband company to provide service to this area.

Momentum Broadband, a fiber-based company, has expressed an interest in providing service to this area. The Council discussed the need for more information and had various suggestions on how best to reach out to the community. There will be further discussion with Momentum.

6. Discuss the City's goals and objectives for 2021.

Nuisance ordinance.

Leash law ordinance.

Other

The council is planning a workshop regarding work to be done on the proposed nuisance ordinance. Further discussion needs to occur on a leash law ordinance due in part to the layout

of the city limits. Additional information will be presented at the next council meeting relating to alleyways in Coupland.

Barbara Piper reported the City received a letter from an individual interested in forming a Farmers Market in the City of Coupland. The Council was very interested; Barbara suggested that the Coupland Civic Corporation (CCO) be involved as CCO owns the land most feasible for this venture. Updates will be provided to the Council.

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

When the needed repairs on CR 458 are marked the repairs will be made.

8. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.

John Ralston-Bates reported there were 459 calls made to the department in 2020, one half of the calls were medical. He reported there will be a Drive-Thru opportunity for Coupland residents to participate in their annual Chili Supper on February 27th. A majority of the volunteer firefighters have received the first dose of the COVID vaccine.

9. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.

John Ralston-Bates nominated Barbara Piper to serve as Mayor pro temp. Susan Garry seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

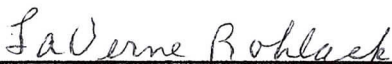
10. The next Coupland Council meeting will be February 11, 2021.

There will be a workshop on February 8th to continue discussion on the Nuisance Ordinance.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

ATTEST:



LAVERNE ROHLACK, CITY SECRETARY



JACK R. PIPER, MAYOR