

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday -- December 12, 2013 -- 7:00 PM

COUPLAND FIRE STATION

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COUPLAND, TEXAS

1. Call regular meeting to order and declare a quorum.

Mayor Jack Piper called the meeting to order at 7 PM and declared a quorum with the following members:

Jack Piper, Mayor

Susan Schmidt, Alderman

Barbara Piper, Mayor Pro tempore

Susan Garry, Alderman

Karen Marosko, Alderman

2. Review and approve minutes of meetings held on October 10, 2013.

Ms. Piper noted a few corrections to the minutes and made a motion to approve the minutes with those corrections. Ms. Marosko seconded that motion. There was no further discussion and the vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

3. Financial report as of November 30, 2013.

Mayor Piper presented a financial report showing income and expenses for the period ending November 30, 2013. He noted that the City had received more ad valorem tax revenue and that he expected more in January. The ending balance of the general fund was \$3,882.63.

4. Discussion and possible action for a variance and/or waiver regarding the previously approved Resolution No. 2013-11-14-01 for the Prinz Estates subdivision.

The Mayor reported that a request for a variance on the Prinz Estates was not received after all. However, he reported that despite their original offer to process the application, the County refused to consider the application to establish a new subdivision within the city limits because the City has no inter-local agreement with the County. The Mayor said that the Prinz family will have to submit their application to the City instead of the County. There was some discussion about the process.

5. Discussion and update on road maintenance within the City limits of Coupland.

Mayor Piper reported that the County will not be helping Coupland with road maintenance. Ms. Piper reported that she had spoken with Joe England. She reported that he said they would take back CR 458 if the City would give them jurisdiction of 1,000 feet of land on either side of the road. She said that she had asked about their arrangements with Wier and that he said that they had taken on jurisdiction over one County Road and gave up jurisdiction over a different County Road to make that happen. Ms. Piper noted that we have nothing we can trade in exchange and that this would defeat the purpose of including CR 458 in the City's incorporation in the first place. There was some discussion about the City's options. Ms. Garry accepted responsibility to contact some companies for information on possible pothole repairs on CR 458. The Mayor said he would contact the City lawyer regarding the potential for liability to the city for deteriorating roads.

6. Discussion relating to sales tax election.

The Mayor reported that according to the State Comptroller, the new sales tax becomes effective on April 1, 2014. He said the ¼% tax for road maintenance must be renewed by the voters every 4 years.

7. Discussion regarding process to amend Ordinances.

There was a brief discussion about the process for amending ordinances. The Mayor submitted a form for the Aldermen to use to submit requests to have an proposed amendment added to future meeting agendas.

8. Discussion relating to street lights within the City limits of Coupland.

In response to a citizen request, the Mayor initiated a discussion of the possibility of street lights paid for by the city. There was no interest on the part of any of the Aldermen to pursue the issue further, with one Alderman noting that there were no funds in the budget to cover that expense. No action was taken.

9. Coupland citizens/events recognition.

The City Secretary reported that the Coupland Times has established a page on its website for the general public to access official city documents. He noted that, at this time, only the subdivision ordinance is available. Other documents will be added as needed. He said that once the City's official website is established, the page will be replaced with a link to that site.

10. Citizen(s) Communications.

No citizens signed up to speak to the Council.

10. The next Coupland Council meeting will be January 9, 2014.

There was no change to the next scheduled meeting

11. Adjournment.

Mayor Piper adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

ATTEST:


STEWART DALE SPENCER
City Secretary


JACK PIPER
Mayor