

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 8, 2018, 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 Piper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and declared a quorum.

2. Review and approve minutes of meetings held on January 11, 2018.

There were corrections to the spelling of two last names, Breece and Keating. Council moved to approve following corrections with Piper making the motion and Schmidt seconding. Motion passed.

3. Financial Report as of January 31, 2018.

The City continues to receive ad valorem tax money. Net worth as of January 31, 2018 was \$163,338.62. Money has not been moved to the Capital Improvement Fund; that will be done.

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.)

There were no citizen communication requests.

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

Extensive patching was done on CR 458; small areas will be done on an as needed basis. A concern was once again mentioned regarding the intersection of SH 95 and Spur 277. The area is very dark and hard to judge when turning onto CR 458. Communication with the State will be necessary. The disruption of traffic on CR 458 during the filming of a commercial for Rooms to Go was discussed. Additional signage for CR 458 stating rough road and drive at your own risk will be ordered.

6. Discussion regarding zoning.

Council will have a workshop on February 21, 2018 and an additional one on February 28, 2018 if needed.

7. Discuss the need for a firecracker Ordinance.

Mayor Piper reviewed ordinances from surrounding cities, Bartlett, Bertram, Taylor, Elgin, Hutto, and Jarrell. The Article from Jarrell will be forwarded to each council member for review. Based upon the fact that Coupland does not have a method or means to enforce an ordinance, an ordinance will not be adopted at this time. The approach will be to have an article in the Herald regarding disturbances as well as urging citizens to be responsible and beware of potential hazards. The Planning and Zoning Committee is working on a proposed Nuisance Ordinance which may provide some protection.

8. Discussion and approval of Ordinance No. 2018-2-8-01 to establish clear and unambiguous regulations pertaining to manufactured homes in the City of Coupland and to promote thereby an attractive community.

Discussion ensued relating to various sections of the proposed Ordinance. Council voted to approve the ordinance following an addition/correction to the Ordinance on Page 5. Motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Piper. Motion passed.

9. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.

The CVFD chili supper is on February 24th beginning at 5:00 p.m. They are requesting silent auction items as well as desserts.

The CVFD has five volunteers in the academy.

They serviced 58 calls in January; with a total of 73 for 2018 (average is up from last year). There have been numerous outdoor fires.

Matt S. has done three building inspections: the school, Manville, and M & D Floors. All three have decided to purchase black indestructible boxes housing a key which will enable firemen to access a building without breaking down doors, windows, etc. in case of a fire. CVFD is in the process of checking to see if these are available for residences.

The ISO review was recently completed and they are expecting the rating to come down from the last time it was done.

10. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.

The Blackland Prairie Association will meet on Monday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Sweden Church. The meeting is to share development concerns in their area.

The old Manville property has sold. It is understood that the new owner will be here in a couple of months.

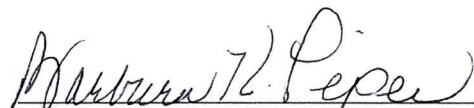
The Coupland Civic Organization is hosting a candidate forum on Monday, February 26. The forum will have candidates running for County Commissioner, Precinct 4.

11. The next Coupland Council meeting will be March 8, 2018.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

ATTEST:


BARBARA K. PIPER, ALDERWOMAN


JACK R PIPER, MAYOR