

COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, 6:00PM
ESD 10 (COUPLAND) FIRE STATION
410 FM 1466
COUPLAND, TEXAS 78615

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00pm and a quorum was declared. Members of the council that were present included Alderwoman Haverland, Alderwoman Marosko, and Alderman Mason.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUSLY HELD COUNCIL MEETING.

There was one change that needed to be made to the previous minutes which was updating the citizen count. Otherwise, the minutes were good to be approved. Haverland motioned to approve the minutes with the correction of one citizen in attendance for our January 21st meeting. Marosko seconded the motion, with the minutes being approved unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF JANUARY 31ST.

The city's accountant recommends that we transfer a bulk of the money into our money market account to gain interest. As it stands, the city is doing well financially and we have the money set back for when they decided to move forward with CR 458 updates. Alderman Mason motioned to accept the financial report, with Marosko seconding. The financial reports were approved.

4. CITIZEN 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 citizens present at this meeting.

5. HUNTINGTON SCULPTURE FOUNDATION OPEN HOUSE

Alderman Mason presented a first draft of the Save the date for the HSF open house. This will be the very first year, and the goal is to do this each year. Members from within and outside the community are invited to stop by and see the sculpture garden and enjoy the open house. The date will be Saturday, April 5th, from 12-4pm. Once the "save the date" is approved, it will be posted on the city's website, as well as the city's Facebook page.

6. ANNUAL COUPLAND CLEAN UP DAY

The city council wanted to discuss having a city wide clean up day in April or May. The date is not set yet because we need to make sure that all council members will be present. We would be looking at placing two dumpsters in the city, as well as potentially having volunteering school members going around the city to do trash pick up. There would be a list of items that will be approved and not approved for drop off, and is only approved for households within the city and will be enforced.

7. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PROPERTY CLEAN UP OF 108 HERRIN STREET (Rezanejad Navid) AND 108 N COMMERCE ST. (Daniel Noji)

Mayor Schmidt would like to propose a resolution to write letters to the individuals listed for taking the initiative of cleaning up their properties. Alderman Mason motioned to send letters to both individuals thanking them for their efforts cleaning up their properties. Haverland seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in approval.

8. UPDATE ON POSSIBLE ANNEXATION OF 1466/460

We have informally received a request to annex property at 460/1466. They are currently in litigation with the County over a piece of the property that is not within the city. We are going to table this until all of the litigation is complete.

9. DR.PARCELL, COUPLAND SUPERINTENDENT

Construction of the new school is moving along. They are currently working on grade beams and things will hopefully be vertical in May. They are hopefully going to start putting up photos and drone footage to be able to update the community on the progress. There is a meeting with all parties coming up soon where they will make sure that everyone is on the same page.

Dr. Parcell recently went to a meeting at the capital where they are looking to compress the tax rate and proposing more property tax relief on residents. An important factor to consider is that the bond was approved at a specific homestead exemption rate, but as that exemption rate increases, it lowers the amount of available money for the school's construction. An example of this would be that the school will still be built, however, the additional items such as locker rooms may take longer.

10. MAYOR UPDATES

The street lights in front of the bank are now turned on. Mayor Schmidt met with the TXDot engineer and drove around to look at a few intersections and express his concerns. There will be new letters sent out to residents who need to clean up their properties.

11. COUPLAND ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

There were no fire department updates at this meeting.

12. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION

There were no updates at this meeting.

13. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MARCH 18TH, 2025.

14. ADJOURN MEETING.

Alderman Mason motioned to adjourn the meeting, with Marosko seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:48pm.

Rachel Wrzuszcak

Rachel Wrzuszcak, City Secretary

Russell Schmidt

Russell Schmidt, Mayor

