

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 16TH, 2024, 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 declared a quorum. Council member Roulston-Bates was not in attendance.

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

Alderswoman Piper motioned that the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Marosko. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

There was a quick discussion on when the next fiscal year's budget will be approved and presented, as well as the possibility of holding a budget workshop. There were no questions regarding the financial reports as of June 30th, and they were unanimously 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 citizen communications at this meeting.

**5. PRESENTATION BY GARY MABRY**

Mr. Mabry owns a lot on the corner of Commerce and Elliott Street and would like to build two, two-story duplexes on said property for his son and daughter. There would be two duplexes, on the four lots. The garage entrances would be from the alleyway and leave the front view (across the railroad tracks) out. The council members agreed that the preliminary plans look good and moved to approve the building of the duplexes, as long as the subdivision ordinance is being followed. All members voted in approval.

**6. PRESENTATION BY DEBRAH CANDELAS**

The Candelas' are seeking a variance to run a small business out of their automotive shop at their house. They will primarily be offering automotive services, as well as motorcycle, ATV, marine and UTV services. He will be running the business by himself, with his family members running the books.

Mayor Schmidt is in favor of giving a one year variance to see how the business is going, with the intention that the Candelas' would revisit the council again in one year.

Haverland motioned that we approved the business plan for the automotive repair services off of CR 458 for one year. Alderswoman Piper seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in approval.

**7. CITY CLEAN UP**

Mayor Schmidt is still working with several properties to get cleaned up. There are several houses that are semi-abandoned, and unfortunately we will have to go to court and file complaints. We do have the option to clean it up ourselves if we want to spend the money, and then put a lien on the property, so that they cannot sell or do anything until they pay.

Some people have reached out regarding a 20ft haul off container to be parked by their house, and it will cost \$350. The city is okay with paying that.

**8. DR. PARCELL, COUPLAND SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Parcell reminded everyone about the monthly board meetings, with corresponding agendas & minutes that are posted online. They are preparing for their third budget workshop coming up soon. The current challenges that the school board is having is that tax rates have gone up, like everywhere else, and they are working on maintaining what they have, as well as preparing to move forward.

He discussed "Coupland CARES"- (Community And Real Experiences for Students), where the community could be more involved with the students. This could look like coming to read to classes, or being pen pals with a kid or class, as well as community clean up or demonstrations.

**9. MAYOR UPDATES**

There were no other major updates at this time, other than just to give the Mayor time to address the city clean up issues.

**10. COUPLAND ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY**

There were no fire department updates at this meeting.

**11. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION**


August 6th is the date for National Light out, and there will be food, treats and drinks. Choo Choo fest will be October 20th, and there will be pork loin, chicken drumsticks and sausage, and more for \$15. There will not be a silent auction, but there will be a bake sale, and t-shirts for sale.

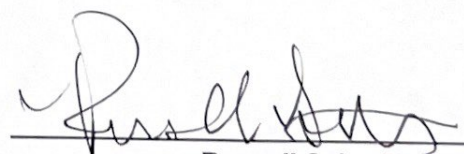
We will have a budget meeting soon to address any new items that will need to be added, as well as how we have done on our current budget.

**12. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 20TH, 2024.**

**13. ADJOURN MEETING.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

  
Rachel Wrzuszcak, City Secretary

  
Russell Schmidt, Mayor