

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2024, 6:00PM
ESD 10 (COUPLAND) FIRE STATION
410 FM 1466
COUPLAND, TEXAS 78615**

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

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and declared a quorum.

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

The minutes were reviewed, and Alderwoman Piper motioned that they be approved as presented. Marosko seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024

The financial reports looked good, and there were no questions.

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 ERIC JIMENEZ

Mr. Jimenez came to the meeting asking for a second extension for his building permit, which was supposed to be completed on January 1st of 2024. Due to financial constraints and labor availability, as well as the project being self-sustained through himself, he is asking for more time to complete the project. He is about 85% complete, with mostly cosmetic changes, and a few exterior updates. The biggest set back is going to be the water meter hook up, and the sanitary line hook up due to the financial cost. He is asking for a 32 month extension, which would bring the date up to June 2027.

If he is able to retrieve funds, and complete the project sooner, he will come back to the council and update us on the process. Mr. Jimenez is more than willing to work with the council to keep the property clean in the meantime. The city council is approving an extension until June of 2027.

6. ORDINANCE FOR CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

Alderwoman Piper moved that Ordinance No. 2024-09-17-02, “canceling the general election for 2024” be approved. Alderman Mason seconded the motion, with Haverland voting yes, Piper voting yes, Marosko voting yes and Mason voting yes.

7. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 BUDGET

Mayor Schmidt had a meeting with the city attorney recently regarding sending out letters to those who have violations, and placing a lien on said properties until they clean them up/resolve the issue. Looking at this, we are able to amend the budget at a later date, if need be. Currently, we have a bid of \$3200 to clean up a property in the city.

Also, looking at the lawn care budget, we will most likely need to add funds to that category.

Adjusting the current proposed budget, we are planning to take \$10,000 from "Cash Reserve" fund, and placing it in "City Lawn Maintenance", bringing that total to \$15,000. Alderwoman Piper moved that the 2024-2025 budget (Ordinance No. 2024-09-17-03, Ordinance for the City of Coupland adopting the annual budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year) be approved with the amendments that were so stated. Marosko seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in approval.

8. DR.PARCELL, COUPLAND SUPERINTENDENT

The school performed the safety drill last month and it went very well. The web page, and app have been a great form of communication for the parents and community. The board approved the budget for the new school, which will include a media center. The ground breaking at the new campus will be at 6:00 pm on October 15th. Coupland ISD recently bought a used school bus (5 years old, and in very good condition) from Pflugerville ISD at a great price. There is information regarding the VATRE on the school district website.

9. MAYOR UPDATES

There will be a one hour subdivision ordinance discussion at the next city council meeting. The city office will begin office hours next month for a couple days per week. Mayor Schmidt is also going to try and meet with Alpha paving to work on graveling the alleyway.

10. COUPLAND ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

There were no ESD updates at this meeting.

11. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION

There were no announcements at this meeting.

12. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 22ND, 2024.

13. ADJOURN MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:57 pm.


Rachel Wrzuszcak, City Secretary


Russell Schmidt, Mayor