

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY -- August 8, 2013 -- 7:00 PM
COUPLAND FIRE STATION
410 FM 1466
COUPLAND, TEXAS

1. Call to Order and Declare a Quorum

Mayor Jack Piper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and declared a quorum with the following members:

Jack Piper, Mayor	Susan Schmidt, Alderman
Barbara Piper, Alderman	Karen Marosko, Alderman
Eldridge Tidwell, Alderman	Susan Garry, Alderman

2. 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.)

No citizens signed up to address comments to the Council.

3. Review and approve minutes of regular meeting held on July 25, 2013

Eldridge Tidwell made a motion to approve the minutes. Susan Schmidt seconded his motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution to execute the agreement with Oncor for franchise fee revenue, Resolution No. 2013-8-8-01

The mayor noted that Oncor was finished matching meters to determine which ones were within the city limits and that the paperwork is in progress. This item was tabled.

5. Initial discussion and procedures regarding the adoption of the City Budget for Period 10-1-2013 through 9-30-2014

Mayor Piper said that the Mayor serves as the chief financial officer for the city and that once he completes work on the budget, he is required to present it to the City Secretary. After that a public notice must appear in the Taylor Daily Press on September 3. There will then be a public hearing on September 12 in conjunction with the regular city council meeting. The budget will be adopted at the regular city council meeting on September 26. Mayor Piper asked the Aldermen to review the budget for the City of Weir as well as the projections of the Ad Valorem Committee as part of the process for developing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The council discussed the various line items of the budget.

6. Discussion regarding abandoned and junked motor vehicle and antique motor vehicles

Susan Garry had requested that the council discuss the issue of motor vehicles which may be abandoned, junk, or antiques. There was a general discussion about junkyards, etc. No action was taken.

7. Discussion regarding an outline for promoting a beautification or clean-up effort in the City of Coupland

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of coordinating voluntary clean-up efforts and assistance to residents who need help. No action was taken.

8. Follow-up regarding the 1 percent sales tax and ¼ percent road maintenance tax in the November election

Mayor Piper reported that our attorney is working on the ordinance for the November election. He noted that attorney Barney Knight intends to assign someone else from their firm (other than Barbara Bulware-Wells) to represent the city and that Mr. Knight will attend the next city council meeting at no charge to the City.

9. Follow-up with the Public Utilities Commission for franchise fee revenue and other possible franchise fee revenue

Mayor Piper said there was no new information available and that this item is tabled until the next meeting.

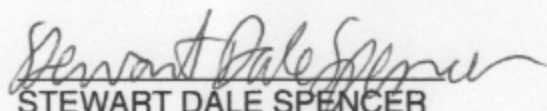
10. The next Coupland Council meeting will be August 29, 2013

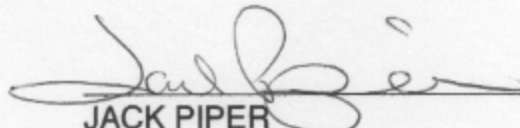
Mayor Piper said the next meeting will be on August 22, instead of August 29, because of the need to complete steps necessary for the sales tax proposal to be included on the November ballot.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Piper adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

ATTEST:


STEWART DALE SPENCER
City Secretary


JACK PIPER
Mayor