

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday -- January 9, 2014 -- 7:00 PM

COUPLAND FIRE STATION

410 FM 1466

COUPLAND, TEXAS

1. Call regular meeting to order and declare a quorum.

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

Jack Piper, Mayor

Susan Schmidt, Alderman

Barbara Piper, Mayor Pro tempore

Susan Garry, Alderman

Karen Marosko, Alderman

2. Review and approve minutes of meetings held on December 12, 2013.

Ms. Piper noted a few corrections to the minutes and made a motion to approve the minutes with those corrections. Ms. Marosko seconded that motion. There was no further discussion and the minutes were adopted by acclamation.

3. Financial report as of December 31, 2013.

Mayor Piper presented a financial report showing income and expenses for the period ending December 31, 2013. The ending balance of the general fund was \$24,419.20. Mayor Piper noted that the City had received a franchise fee payment from Oncor of \$9,539.

4. Discussion and action regarding a resolution to select Tony Prete, Waeltz & Prete Civil Engineers, to serve as the City of Coupland's Engineer, Resolution No. 2014-1-9-01.

The Council reviewed the need for a city engineer and a proposal for engineering services on an as-needed basis from Waeltze & Prete, Inc. Ms. Piper noted that this firm worked with the incorporation committee to draw up the map of the proposed city limits and the ETJ of the City of Coupland before the City incorporated. The firm's base fee is \$220 with an hourly rate of \$145. Ms. Schmidt made a motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Piper seconded her motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. The Resolution is adopted.

5. Discussion and update on the Prinz Estates Subdivision application.

No action was taken on a plat application from a local land owner. The Mayor said their initial application was not completed properly and that he had returned it for correction. There was some discussion about some of the potential issues of this first application after the adoption of Coupland's Subdivision Ordinance. Ms. Marosko said she was looking into issues related to the Texas Rural Water Association and the state water codes with respect to this property. Ms. Piper noted that once a proper application is received and the associated fee is paid, the City has 30 days to act or the plat is automatically approved. The Mayor asked the Aldermen to review the plat application form.

6. Discussion and update on road maintenance within the City limits of Coupland.

The Mayor summarized a proposal for repairs to CR 458 from Naivar Construction. There was some discussion about whether or not the City should approach the

Williamson County Commissioners Court for help with the road and an assessment of the City's limited political power to affect County policy in this situation. Susan Garry discussed her findings on two companies that were recommended to her. She said the Naivar representative was concerned about other areas in need of repair. She said Naivar would work to get us in their schedule as soon as possible because of the serious condition of CR 458. Ms. Garry made a motion to accept their bid and to authorize the Mayor to discuss other areas with Naivar. Ms. Marosko seconded her motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. There was some follow-up discussion on the responsibilities of TXDOT with regard to FM 1660 within city limits but no further action was taken.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding amendment to Ordinances.

There was a discussion about the process of amending City ordinances and the opportunity for the public to become involved in that process. Ms. Garry said she was concerned about the lack of grandfathering of family grants and proposed that be changed in the Subdivision Ordinance. She said such a clause was in one of the subdivision ordinances that was reviewed by the Concerned Citizens Committee but it had been inadvertently left out of the ordinance that was finally adopted by the City. The Mayor said he would investigate the correct procedure for amending various types of ordinances. Ms. Marosko said she had a similar proposal but that it also addressed agricultural issues. No action was taken.

8. Coupland citizens/events recognition.

There were no events or citizens recognized by the Council.

9. Citizen(s) Communications.

No citizens signed up to address the City Council.

10. The next Coupland Council meeting will be January 23, 2014.


The Mayor noted that since there was no plat application to consider at this time, a second January meeting should not be necessary but would be scheduled if the situation changed. Otherwise, the next regular meeting will be on February 13.

11. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

ATTEST:


STEWART DALE SPENCER
City Secretary


JACK PIPER
Mayor