

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY -- JUNE 11, 2013 -- 7:00 PM

COUPLAND FIRE STATION

410 FM 1466

COUPLAND, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Piper called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with the following members:

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

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY SECRETARY/CLERK

Mayor Piper told the Council that Stewart Dale Spencer had volunteered to serve as City Secretary. He also said that the meeting was being recorded. He asked the council to vote on the resolution by stating their last name for the recording and voting yes or no. The Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Spencer as City Secretary, which shall be an unpaid, volunteer position.

3. DISCUSSION OF OPEN MEETING RULES

Mayor Piper discussed the requirement for all elected and appointed officials to take the training, provided online by the Texas Attorney General, for the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act and for those officials to provide a copy of the certification affirming that they have completed the training.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ELECTED A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Piper opened the floor to nominations for a Mayor Pro Tem. Barbara Piper nominated Susan Garry. Ms. Garry said that she had no experience conducting meetings and requested that her name be withdrawn from consideration. Ms. Garry nominated Barbara Piper to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Karen Marosko seconded the nomination of Ms. Piper. There were no other nominations. Mayor Piper called for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to elect Ms. Piper to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND TWO ALDERMEN TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

Mayor Piper informed the Aldermen that, in accordance with State law, they needed to select two Aldermen from among their membership to serve a two-year term each, along with the Mayor, by drawing lots. He said that the remaining

Aldermen would serve for one-year terms and that in the next annual election, those positions on the Council would automatically become two-year terms. The City Secretary prepared five strips of paper of equal lengths. Two of the strips had a black dot that was concealed from the drawers. Susan Garry and Karen Marosko drew the strips with the black dots. The Alderman agreed by acclamation that Ms. Garry and Ms. Marosko would serve two-year terms.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON THE OFFICE OF MARSHAL AND APPOINTING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF TO PERFORM THE DUTIES FOR THE CITY OF COUPLAND

After discussion, Mayor Piper called for a vote to abandon the Office of Marshal with final action subject to an acceptable inter-local agreement with the Williamson County Sheriff's Office. The Council voted unanimously to proceed.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

After discussion, Mayor Piper called for a vote for the City of Coupland to become a member of the Texas Municipal League (TML). The Council voted unanimously to join TML.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF COUPLAND

After discussion, by virtue of the fact that Citizens National Bank is the only depository within the City of Coupland, Mayor Piper called for a vote for the City of Coupland to open an account at Citizens National Bank of Coupland. The Council voted unanimously to open the account.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE LIABILITY/ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE THROUGH TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S RISK POOL

Mayor Piper recommended that this item be tabled until a proposal is submitted to the City by TML, to include various coverage options, probably by the next meeting of the Council. Ms. Piper made a motion to table this agenda item until a proposal is received from TML. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tidwell. The item was tabled.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONTACT APPLICABLE ENTITIES FOR FRANCHISE TAX REVENUE

After discussion, Mayor Piper requested that one or more Aldermen research and report upon which entities doing business in the Coupland area, or using land above or below ground within city limits, are potentially subject to a city franchise tax. Susan Schmidt and Karen Marosko volunteered to create a list.

11. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS. (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 appear before the Council.


12. THE NEXT COUPLAND COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE JULY 9, 2013
(CHANGED)

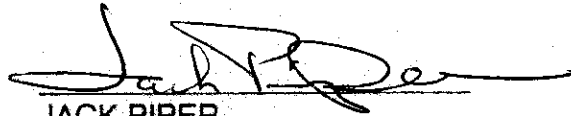
Mayor Piper said that the Fire Station was not available on July 9 and that Tuesdays were not good days to meet because of schedule conflicts on the part of various Aldermen. After discussion, Mayor Piper suggested July 11 as the next meeting and that future, regulars meetings be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month with the second meeting of the month being optional, to be determined at the first meeting of each month. All of the Aldermen assented to this schedule.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marosko made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Schmidt seconded the motion. Mayor Piper adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

ATTEST:


STEWART DALE SPENCER
City Secretary


JACK PIPER
Mayor