

COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY – MARCH 8, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
COUPLAND FIRE STATION
403 FM 1466
COUPLAND, TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order and Declare a Quorum.

Mayor Jack Piper called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and declared a quorum with the following Alderwomen present: Susan Garry, Barbara Piper, Susan Schmidt, and Karen Marosko.

2. Review and approve minutes of meetings held on February 8, 2018.

Susan Schmidt made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Susan Garry seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

3. Financial Report as of February 28, 2018.

Mayor Piper reported the City's net worth as of February 28, 2018 was \$171,071.75. There are small amounts of Ad Valorem Tax Revenue still being received. Money has been transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund. Additional sales tax revenue will be received in April.

4. 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. (Three-minute limit.)

There were no citizen communications.

5. Discussion concerning road maintenance in the City of Coupland.

Barbara Piper reported the TX Highway Dept. filled in the dip at the intersection of Muery St. and Spur 277; they plan to replace the culvert in June or July.

A request was received to install a caution light or ask the TX Highway Dept. to make the intersection of Hwy 95 and Co. Rd. 458 more visible at night. Installing reflectors was discussed; placement of same may be an issue.

6. Discussion regarding zoning.

The proposed, draft zoning ordinance will be updated; copies made for each council member for review and discussion. The City Attorney will review prior to council proceeding with procedures for adopting.

7. Discussion regarding lots on Commerce and alley between Murey and Walker.

The Council agreed to retain all alley ways in the City. Council agreed for surveys to identify alley ways where there may be questions.

The owner of the property on South Commerce inquired about building two houses on one and one-half lots. The Mayor informed him that he would essentially be subdividing which would not be approved as it is not in compliance with the City's Subdivision Ordinance.

8. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.

The Fire Department Chili Supper was a success.

Matthew Selby reported the Coupland Fire Department had 37 calls in February for a total of 89 calls in 2018. There has been an increase in outdoor fires.

Matthew Selby has completed and passed three building inspections in preparation to install Knox Boxes. In the future new commercial businesses will be required to have Knox Boxes.

9. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.

Barbara Piper reported the CCO candidate forum was well attended.

Next week work will begin to replace the tracks for the caboose at the Coupland Civic Organization's historic Coupland Depot.

The Blackland Prairie Concerned Citizens will be meeting March 12th at the New Sweden Church and are inviting interested citizens to attend. They will be voting to collect membership fees in preparation of hiring an attorney.

10. The next Coupland Council meeting will be April 12, 2018.

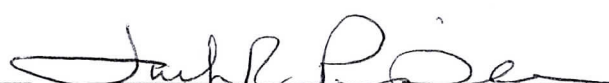
11. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

ATTEST:



LAVERNE ROHLACK, CITY SECRETARY



JACK R PIPER, MAYOR