

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 13, 2020, 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 Aldermen present: Susan Garry, Barbara Piper, Karen Marosko, Sarah Torluemke and John Ralston-Bates.
- 2. Review and approve minutes of meeting held on January 9, 2020.**  
Barbara Piper made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sarah Torluemke seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.
- 3. Financial Report as of January 31, 2020.**  
The City's net worth as of January 31, 2020 was \$274,624.08. Additional Ad Valorem Taxes are being received although the deadline to pay without penalty was January 31<sup>st</sup>. The council agreed to move \$50,000 from the checking account to the Capital Improvement Account.
- 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.)**  
Several citizens were in attendance to report trash on the roads and personal property after week-end dances in Coupland. The council is currently working on a Nuisance Ordinance to address those issues.
- 5. Discussion concerning road maintenance in the City of Coupland.**  
Plans are to patch holes on CR 458 and replace the signs that were stolen or have fallen. The council discussed the possibility of engaging a grant company to pursue a grant for road issues.
- 6. Discuss nuisance issues.**  
It was suggested writing letters to encourage citizens to keep their own property free of refuse, trash, and debris including abandoned vehicles.
- 7. Discuss other City issues, present and future.**  
Other matters (parking, litter) were brought up but council felt that the nuisance problems took precedence at this time.
- 8. Coupland Volunteer Fire Department activity.**  
The department received 31 calls in January. The annual Chili Supper will be February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Coupland Fire Station.

**9. Coupland citizens/events/announcements/recognitions.**

The next Coupland CCO meeting will be February 24<sup>th</sup> and Bob Williamson who owns SRSLY Chocolate Shop in Taylor will present the program.


**10. The next Coupland Council meeting will be March 12, 2020.**

**11. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

  
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LAVERNE ROHLACK, CITY SECRETARY

  
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JACK R PIPER, MAYOR