

COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, 6:00PM
ESD 10 (COUPLAND) FIRE STATION
410 FM 1466
COUPLAND, TEXAS 78615

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM.

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order and a quorum was established at approximately 6:00pm. All members of council were present.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUSLY HELD COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes were reviewed and approved pending the correction of "Coupland Committee Club" being changed to "Coupland Civic Organization". Alderwoman Sandbulte motioned to accept the minutes, with Alderwoman Marosko seconding. The minutes were approved.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF MARCH 31ST.

The financial reports were reviewed and approved.

4. CITIZEN 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 was one citizen communication at the meeting. There was a question regarding set back requirements for properties. The city secretary referenced Ordinance number 2019-10-10-01 that can be found on the website.

5. CONTRACT WITH COUNTY FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Schmidt has been in negotiations with Williamson County for contracting traffic enforcement. He is going to check with TML to make sure that insurance will be covered. There will be a deputy/car, for \$84/hour, and will be potentially starting out at 6 hours once or twice a month. This may be placed under "Road Maintenance" in the budget, and we may need to do a supplemental budget at some point later in the year, but the council will be notified.

If there is a ticket given out, the city DOES NOT make any money from this.

6. PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CAMERAS FOR 1466, BY BANK

Mayor Schmidt would like to place traffic cameras up to help stop the theft and traffic issues, as well as individuals stealing signs. Currently, there is a stop sign in town that has been hit and knocked over 3 times, which costs the city \$650 each time it needs to be repaired. He is going to look into obtaining a grant to get this done, as well as a good location that includes good coverage and wifi, etc.

7. ROAD REPAIR

The city recently had to spend \$16,500 on road repair and sign replacement, primarily on CR 458, as well as Commerce St.

8. DATES FOR CLEAN UP DAY

The city is considering having individuals sign up to have a dumpster be brought to their home, after making an appointment, to help clean up their property. This will help cut down on members of council needing to be present, and make it easier to cut down on individuals trying to come from out of town.

This will be posted on our website, and social media. The items that will be accepted are limited, (no hazmat, tires, appliances, etc.) and need to be from the property owner that lives in the city of coupland- meaning not allowing family members from out of town to drop items off at your house.

9. DR.PARCELL, COUPLAND SUPERINTENDENT

Testing season has started and the kids are doing well. There will be an art and GT (gifted & talented) showcase soon. Graduation is May 22nd for eighth graders (around 32 kids). Camp will be the 16th-20th. Summer feeding is from June 2nd-28th, Monday through Thursday; any person under the age of 18 is welcome to come and have lunch. Individuals outside of Coupland are welcome to attend, they just have to eat the food in the cafeteria.

There are 304 children enrolled for the upcoming school year (they are currently at 318).

The board asked the county to add school zone flashers near the turning lanes at the new school. With this, there will be a “donation” of public property and there will be a public hearing to explain all of this, as well as a solution by the board to say that the right of way will be gifted to them in exchange for the road improvements and school zone.

Foundation is going to be poured soon, and the steel beams are up. For the concrete, they need to find a window of 7 days where it will not rain in order for it to cure properly.

10. MAYOR UPDATES

(Redo City of Coupland sign)

Mayor Schmidt is looking into getting an updated “City of Coupland” sign soon. This may lead to a supplemental budget at some point, but these things need to be done.

11. COUPLAND ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

The fire department is doing a second round of hiring soon. They are also working on getting effective communication between the construction crew and fire marshals office to ensure that the school gets the attention that it needs.

They are also working on an AI app that will pull fire danger for the area, and all weather information each morning to help raise awareness. This will help the firefighters know what they should expect, as well as the volunteer fire workers to know if they may need to be called on that day.

12. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION

The Open House for the HSF went well. There were a lot of attendees from out of town, however, the hope is to have more residents from Coupland next year.

13. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MAY 20TH, 2025.

14. ADJOURN MEETING.

Alderwoman Sandbulte motioned to adjourn the meeting, with Alderwoman Rogers seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

Rachel Wrzuszcak

Rachel Wrzuszcak, City Secretary

Russell Schmidt

Russell Schmidt, Mayor