

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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 declared a quorum at approximately 6:00pm. All members of council, but one, were present. There were six citizens present at the meeting.

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

The minutes of the previously held council meeting were reviewed. Alderwoman Sandbulte motioned to accept the minutes as presented, with Alderwoman Rogers seconding the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF APRIL 30TH.**

The financial reports were reviewed and Alderwoman Rogers motioned to accept the reports with Alderwoman Sandbulte seconding the motion. The financial reports as of April 30th were 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 were no citizen comments at this meeting.

**5. ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

The abandoned vehicle ordinance was read aloud and any questions were answered. Recently, we have had multiple incidents of abandoned vehicles being dropped off in the city and have received complaints. Alderwoman Haverland motioned to accept Ordinance number 2025-05-20-02, with Alderwoman Sandbulte seconding the motion. The ordinance was approved and will be posted on the city's website.

**6. JUNKED VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

The ordinance was read aloud and any questions were answered. It is important to note that there are certain criteria that must be met for a vehicle to be considered "junked" and be liable for this ordinance. This ordinance will be complaint generated. Alderwoman Rogers motioned to accept the ordinance as read, with Alderwoman Haverland seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous in approval.

**7. EXCAVATIONS, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATIONS...ORDINANCE**

The ordinance was read and questions were answered. This ordinance will lead to a permitting system, to help clarify what already exists and work is planned to be done. This is also being implemented to ensure that the city will not be responsible for any damages that occur while construction is being done within the city. Alderwoman

Sandbulte motioned to accept the ordinance as read, with Alderwoman Rogers seconding the motion. The ordinance was approved.

**8. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF ACQUISITION OF COUPLAND WATER SUPPLY**

There was a quick thank you given by the President of the board, as well as an update on the current members of the board and voting process. Mayor Schmidt explained that the city has initiated a study with the Texas utility commission to look at taking over the coupland water supply. The engineer for the sewage board was also in attendance, and gave an explanation of the most recent ARPA fund that the board received that was beneficial in keeping the water supply afloat. If the water supply is taken over by the city, the city qualifies to join the coalition with Williamson County to be granted fairly substantial grants that would be 100% funded.

If the water supply were to close down, the state would then take it and hand it over to a third party corporation.

**9. DEPUTY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Mayor Schmidt signed an agreement with Williamson County's sheriff office, and needs to be signed/approved by the county judge so that we can hire part time deputies for \$84/hour to carry out traffic enforcement, etc. within the city limits, for as many days throughout the month as are needed.

**10. UPDATE ON CITY AUDIT**

There has never been a financial audit done in Coupland, and we are planning to have one done around October. This will cost around \$8,000, and will be added into the upcoming budget.

**11. CITY OF COUPLAND SIGN**

Mayor Schmidt is working on obtaining an estimate for updating the city of coupland sign that will be provided at the next council meeting. The bank is willing to pay a portion of the sign if they can have a placard placed on the sign as well.

**12. DR.PARCELL, COUPLAND SUPERINTENDENT**

Kindergarten graduation, as well as 8th grade awards & graduation are coming up soon. There will be a board workshop scheduled for June 12th to discuss the facility use of the new campus. They will be considering opening the school in 26-27 to 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Therefore, they will be opening the school and adding a grade level every year after. If this is approved, they would be having multiple different grade levels at each school and using their facilities to the best of their abilities.

**13. MAYOR UPDATES**

Mayor Schmidt recently met with the Sheriff, and was met with assurance that there will be no short fall in law enforcement for Coupland, even with the change in the sheriff.

There are individuals who reached out to the city who wanted to incorporate roughly 60 acres into the city, and the city attorney is working on that.

We are also going to create an ordinance that states that you cannot take over a city street without permission, due to a recent incident.

**14. COUPLAND ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY**

The call report for April was 45 calls in total, 19 medical calls, 9 outside fires, 5 motor vehicle accidents and a handful of others. They are hiring a second batch of day crews, which will be slightly rotational. They need to be careful not to over fill their spots, so as not to lose access to grants. They have also been accepted to present at a conference in Frisco, and discuss how they manage growth.

**15. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION**

There were no announcements at this meeting.

**16. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE JUNE 17TH, 2025.**

**17. ADJOURN MEETING.**

*Rachel Wrzuszcak*

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Rachel Wrzuszcak, City Secretary

*Russell Schmidt*

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Russell Schmidt, Mayor