

COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 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. One member of council was not present.

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

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

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF MAY 31ST.

The financial reports were reviewed and approved, with Alderwoman Sandbulte making a motion and Alderwoman Rogers seconding the motion. There is some road maintenance, such as oiling and cracks that need to be filled that will be coming out of the street maintenance fund at some point in the future.

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 communications at this meeting.

5. SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE

The ordinance was read aloud for all council members to hear. This ordinance was brought into place after a recent event where a portion of the city was blocked off without gaining consent first, which puts the city at risk for liability issues. This ordinance simply puts in a process for individuals or groups looking to hold events, that would have them put in an application, apply for insurance coverage and pay a small fee before a permit could be granted.

Alderwoman Rogers motioned to accept the ordinance (2025-06-17-01) with \$50 application fee, with Alderwoman Haverland seconding the motion. The first read of this ordinance was approved. There will be a second reading at the next city council meeting.

6. ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The state and county emergency personnel asked for the city of coupland to pass two ordinances that would allow us to be affiliated with them in case of emergency. There are factors in place that would allow us to apply for grants in certain emergency situations with these ordinances in place.

The ordinance was read aloud, and the first read approved. Alderwoman Sandbulte motioned to approve the first reading, with Alderwoman Marosko seconding the motion.

The first read was approved, and the second reading will be done at the next council meeting.

7. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The ordinance was read aloud for all council members. Alderwoman Rogers made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-06-17-05, with Alderwoman Sandbulte seconding the motion. The first reading was approved, and the second reading will be done at the next council meeting.

These ordinances will be beneficial for applying for funds if there were ever to be a state of emergency declared in the city of Coupland.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING SEWAGE BOARD SURVEY

Surveys were recently sent out regarding the possibility of the City taking over the sewage board. The city council is also planning on holding a public hearing to give all residents the opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions on the matter, in conjunction with the surveys that were sent out.

9. CITY OF COUPLAND SIGN

Mayor Schmidt is working on obtaining an estimate and drawings for the updated City of Coupland sign. Local businesses, such as the bank and Huntington Sculptures, will be portraying their businesses on the sign as well. The sign may be up to 8 or 10 feet tall, so there will be multiple slots for businesses. The sign will be aluminum and the paint should last 8 to 10 years. Once the drawings are completed, Mayor Schmidt will bring them to the next council meeting so that members can take a look.

10. DISCUSSION ON CITIZEN COMPLAINTS/SOLICITATION

Mayor Schmidt made a note that he will not tolerate citizens going to council members' places of business to make their complaints known. If anyone has a complaint that they would like to make known, they can contact the city or Mayor Schmidt directly.

11. DR.PARCELL, COUPLAND SUPERINTENDENT

There were around 50 campers at the STEM camp that is being held at the school. May 24th, 2030 will be the next graduating class for Coupland. This is a huge win for the city of Coupland, since the children who are enrolled next school year will be able to graduate in Coupland. The campus will be 7th grade through 12th grade and will open with 10 classrooms and will be open to hold 200 kids. There will be a discussion for potentially building an extra building for extra-curriculars or athletics, and this will not cost the tax payers any extra money.

There will be a meeting with the construction team to discuss putting in the gym floor for the first day of the grand opening.

Coupland ISD will be working on new logos, to be able to brand each school properly. They recently got back testing scores, and are very happy with the improvements, as well as the growth of each kid enrolled.

12. MAYOR UPDATES

There was a brief discussion on the recent road work crew that were going to dig a ditch in front of businesses, but after speaking with Mayor Schmidt, have decided against it.

13. COUPLAND ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

In May, there were 59 calls. 33 calls were in district 1, which included 21 medicals, 11 outside fires, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 structure fires and 1 citizen assist. The fire department will be presenting at a conference in Frisco to discuss how they handle growth within the department.

The department will also be demonstrating how they use drones to assist in fighting fires at the Coupland camp.

They also have recently bought two new brush trucks that will be dual purpose, which will be the first new ones in 16 years.

Mayor Schmidt is going to attend the next ESD 10 meeting in order to discuss the 2% tax that is involved with the county.

14. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION

There were questions regarding any potential new buildings/construction within the city, and at the moment we have someone interested in annexing approximately 60 acres within the City. However, there are no other updates.

15. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE JULY 15TH, 2025.

16. ADJOURN MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20pm.

Rachel Wrzuszcak

Rachel Wrzuszcak, City Secretary

Russell Schmidt

Russell Schmidt, Mayor