

COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 28TH, 2026, 6:00PM
ESD 10 (COUPLAND) FIRE STATION
410 FM 1466
COUPLAND, TEXAS 78615

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

Mayor Pro Tem, Sue Rogers, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm and declared a quorum. There was one member of council that was not present.

2. 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 in attendance, but there were no communications.

3. PROPOSAL OF TAX RATE FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR

Terri Rose, the city book keeper was phoned in for this meeting in order to give us some guidance and extra information in regards to the budget. We are proposing adopting the no-new-revenue tax rate, which is 0.264945 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would bring our ad valorem total for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to \$142,853.

Alderwoman Marosko made a motion to accept the tax rate proposal of 0.264945 for the upcoming 2026-2027 fiscal year. Alderwoman Sandbulte seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Sandbulte- yes, Haverland-yes, Marosko-yes, Rogers-yes.

The proposal of 0.264945 was approved.

4. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE

In order for this ordinance to move forward, there will need to be a public hearing and a notice placed in the Taylor Press. This will be announced at a later date. However, at the meeting, the initial draft of the document was reviewed by council members and a few bullet points were given in regards to its content.

Currently, there is not a substantial process for permit requests within the city of Coupland, and in order to better serve the community, Mayor Schmidt has asked the city attorney and city engineer to draft up a system. There were also comments made about having a certified inspector on hand for the city once this permitting system is complete.

5. BUDGET WORKSHOP

After giving us a brief run down of a few line items, the council decided to go line by line and review each budget category. The biggest "question" is the \$150,000 that is being held for the repair of CR 458 since the timeline is still unknown on when that will be used. The other change is that Mayor Schmidt is going to be bumping the deputy hire up from 12 hours/month to 15 hours/month.

As it stands, there may be some changes around categories such as "Audit Services". The city paid \$18,000 this year for a financial audit, and the budget for 26-27 is currently

set for \$20,000. "City events" was the other category that needed more information- for example, we may not need to increase the budget for this line item considering we will have sponsorships for these events. Another line item that will be changing is the office expenses, which will be decreasing substantially from last year's budget since we will not have the initial cost of furnishing/repairing the city office. There were also additions made to the education line item.

The final budget will be adopted at the next council meeting.

6. THE NEXT REGULAR COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 18TH, 2026.

7. ADJOURN MEETING.

Mayor Pro Tem took a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderwoman Sandbulte seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City office, the Coupland Post office, and on the City's website, www.cityofcouplandtx.us, places convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice was posted no later than the 23rd day of July, 2026, before 5:00pm.

Rachel Wrzuszcak

Rachel Wrzuszcak, City Secretary

Sue Rogers

Sue Rogers, Mayor Pro Tem