

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026, 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 at approximately 6:00pm and declared a quorum. All members of council were present.

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

There were two sets of minutes that needed to be approved by the council. Alderwoman Rogers motioned to approve both sets of minutes, with Alderwoman Sandbulte seconding the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF JANUARY 31ST.

There will need to be some money moved around to cover the cost of the deputy sheriffs, as well as some repairs to the new city office. There are also some funds that need to be spent in order for the city to maintain its current tax rate.

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. CITY CLEAN UP

Mayor Schmidt would like to set up days for city clean up's in the upcoming months to get some individuals motivated to clean up their properties. There are still properties within the City that need to be cleaned up, and aside from sending out letters and reaching out to them directly, which Mayor Schmidt has, the next step would be to set a lien on the house.

Mayor Schmidt would like to set these dates up around April, and include two weekends with 6 dumpsters, and is asking for help from the city council.

6. HERRIN ST & 206 N AUSTIN

The City approved a new sewage line for the Worthy's property. However, upon digging, they found a 2 inch electrical line going across the alleyway. There are no drawings and no plans for this. Until this is removed, all construction on this has stopped.

7. NEW BUSINESS ON HWY 95

There is a new (small) manufacturing business coming in on highway 95 that will be annexed into the city. Before this can be finalized, the tax agreement between the city and fire department will need to be agreed upon. The original agreement was splitting the 2% tax 1:1, and Mayor Schmidt is looking to keep that agreement.

8. ORDINANCE FOR DEPOT

In order for the City to take over possession of the train depot, there is an ordinance that needs to be passed. The City secretary read the ordinance aloud and a motion was made by Alderwoman Rogers to accept Ordinance number 2026-02-17-01. Alderwoman Sandbulte seconded the motion, and the ordinance was approved.

9. NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION RECAP

After the November 2025 election, there should have been a recap done at the council meeting that presented the number of votes in total, as well as For & Against. This election was in regards to sales tax for street maintenance. There were 64 votes cast in total, with 39 "FOR" and "29" AGAINST. Alderman Mason made a motion to approve these election results as presented, with Alderwoman Sandbulte seconded the motion. The results were approved.

10. DR.PARCELL, COUPLAND SUPERINTENDENT

The exterior of the school is nearly done, and the trim is being put up soon. The air conditioners are on, and the taping is being done currently. Dr.Parcell handed out a flyer showing a registration celebration for the new high school. The next year's 6th, 7th and 8th graders will get to come in and choose their electives for the upcoming school year. Temple college will also be in attendance so that students can apply for dual credit. There is also a possibility of Temple college providing adult learning courses, such as English as a second language, and GED courses.

It is also official that Coupland will be a 1A school, with varsity track and varsity cross-country. There will also be home football games next year, and these will be located at Memorial Field in Taylor. They have recently hired a band director who has experience working with a band of smaller scale.

11. BARBARA FRANKLIN

Barbara Franklin made an appearance to voice her concerns regarding recent variances that were made allowing an automotive repair business, and cargo vans to be approved in a zone that is listed as residential and agricultural.

12. MAYOR UPDATES

Mayor Schmidt has a meeting with the architect and county commissioner for CR 458. He should have an update on that progress soon. He also had a water hydrant put in on the loop of Herrin Street at no cost to the city. Previously, there was not a viable water source on that end of town. Mayor Schmidt is trying to have four more placed on that end of town as well.

The Williamson county economic development program drafted a one page flyer that they are going to put in their brochure. This was presented to the council for their review. The two adjustments that council brought up were to put our city website on the brochure, as well as a blurb mentioning the new school.

The coupland inn finally has their fire suppression system in, and there were compliments made regarding their traffic control and trash pick up. Mayor Schmidt also enlisted council members to help him create a directory of all businesses within the City of Coupland. The plan is to begin having breakfast/lunches at the church for businesses.

13. WILLIAMSON COUNTY ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The fire chief was not able to attend tonight's meeting. However, he did give us a recap of last month; they had about 60 calls, which is average for this time of year. Mayor Schmidt received a call asking if the fire department would like to apply for a bond for a fire suppressant system, and he relayed this information to the chief.

14. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION

There were no citizen communications at this meeting.

15. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MARCH 17TH, 2026.

16. ADJOURN MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.

Rachel Wrzuszczak

Rachel Wrzuszczak, City Secretary

Russell Schmidt

Russell Schmidt, Mayor