

COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, 6:00PM
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 the council were present.

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

Alderwoman Piper motioned that the minutes be approved as presented, with Haverland seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF APRIL 30, 2024

There was a brief discussion about having city accountant Terri Rose either call in to present or physically attend next month's city council meeting to run through the financial report with the council so that she can answer any questions that arise over specific totals.

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. MANUEL TORRES JR.

Manuel Torres Jr. was not present at this month's meeting.

6. CITY RIGHT OF WAYS

There has been a lot of confusion regarding what you can, and cannot do in regards to the city's right of ways. Mayor Schmidt has been in contact with the city engineer, as well as the city's attorney to answer some of the questions that have come up. If there is a utility easement needed, there will need to be an engineered drawing and proposal submitted, to which there will need to be agreement on. The city attorney will then send out a letter stating that the city is NOT responsible for any damages, etc. Once that is signed, they can move forward. However, as of currently, everyone will need to receive the city's approval before making any changes if it involves the city's right of ways.

The main thing is to do what is best for the city of Coupland, which means that some processes will be changing, in terms of needed city's approval prior to making any changes.

7. STREET REPAIRS

There are currently some streets that have grass growing up between the cracks. This means that the streets cannot be oiled until the grass is dead. Mayor Schmidt is going to get some Round Up and spray the roads himself to take care of this problem. The current price estimation to seal all of the cracks in the road will cost around \$2,000.

There also needs to be a discussion in regards to the upkeep of city roads. The hope is that after the repairs on CR 458 kick off, we will be able to discuss it more seriously.

8. UPDATE ON CR 458

The current update is that they will need payment for the repairs on CR 458 in the summer of 2026, which is on track with the 3-year estimation for the initial start date. The estimated budget amount is \$10 million, however we only need to pay \$150,000.

Mayor Schmidt provided a current timeline for the environmental/design stage, as well as a map for CR 458. Mayor Schmidt also met with the engineers who will be on the project, as well as some project engineers for Williamson county. He said they were very helpful and informative. Because this project is still 2 years away, they wanted to increase the budget to make sure that we are getting the best job possible.

DPS license and weight will be working on overweight thru- trucks this summer, which will hopefully knock down the cost of the new road. Our plan is to get serious about the thru-truck situation so that we can keep the new roadway in as good of shape as possible.

9. REVIEW OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

We would like to set up some workshops that include Tony Prete, the city engineer, to help answer any questions, and break down the new ordinance. We are planning on having a workshop on Tuesday, June 4th, at 6pm. This will be a public meeting, at the Coupland fire station.

Until then, if there are any questions regarding the new ordinance, those questions can be directed to Tony Prete.

10. UPDATE ON MEETING WITH WILCO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR & STAFF

Mayor Schmidt met with the new emergency management director. There is some funding available that we can apply for, that would help provide a tornado siren. The fire department currently does not have the technology that would allow the siren to be signaled if needed. Mayor Schmidt will ask around to see how other sirens are signaled. There is also funding available for flooding, and shelters, etc. The biggest issue we have had in recent years has been the colder weather, and lack of power during that weather.

11. COUPLAND ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

There were no ESD 10 updates at this meeting.

12. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION

The Coupland ISD superintendent will be placed on the City council agenda from now on. There will also be two spots open on the City council, and notices will be posted out soon.

13. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE JUNE 18TH, 2024.

14. MEETING ADJOURNED.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Rachel Wrzuszcak
Rachel Wrzuszcak, City Secretary

Russell Schmidt, Mayor