

**COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2024, 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 6:05pm.

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

Alderwoman Piper moved that both the regular and workshop minutes be approved as presented, with Marosko seconding the motion. The minutes were approved.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF JULY 31, 2024**

There were no questions regarding the financial reports and Alderman Mason moved to approve the reports as presented, with Piper seconding the motion. The financial reports 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 communications at this meeting.

**5. PRESENTATION BY TK LEE**

TK Lee is a representative of a company that is working with Samsung and has plans to purchase a piece of land and build a "worker-tel", which will be modular homes for workers of Samsung. The product (homes) will be provided by South Korea, and they will be opening a facility near Austin. These will be permanent homes, built on concrete slabs, and will be used for lodging for workers, as well as some assembly. Most workers will be long term, since the Samsung project will be at least 10 years. Also, after the Samsung project has been completed, the lodging will remain.

TK would like preliminary approval from the city council to be able to build the homes, prior to them purchasing the land. The city council does not have a problem with the proposed plans. TK will be contacting the city attorney and then will eventually need to come to another council meeting to discuss annexation and zoning changes.

**6. PASS ORDINANCE ADOPTING TAX RATE**

Alderwoman Piper moved that Ordinance No. 2024-08-20-01, adopting an advalorem tax rate for the year of 2024-2025 of 0.222678. Marosko seconded the motion, Mason-yes, Haverland-yes, and Marosko- yes. The vote was unanimous in approval.

**7. PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET**

There were no questions regarding the proposed budget at this time. The potential adoption of the budget will be in September's city council meeting. If there is anything we would like to add or change before then, we can, and this will not cause a supplemental budget.

#### **8. ELECTION UPDATE**

We had three individuals file to be on the city council. At this time, we will not need to have an election.

#### **9. DR.PARCELL, COUPLAND SUPERINTENDENT**

The school year is off to a great start, and Coupland elementary currently has 320 students. They are fully staffed, and only need one other bus driver. The board met recently and passed a deficit budget, set a tax rate and 80% of the budget is pay roll, which is an increase from last year. The board called for a voter- approved tax rate. If the community votes for the proposed tax increase (an additional 12 cents), then all of the money would be going back to the city of coupland ISD, rather than become a part of "Recapture" which would be pushed out into other districts. In terms of the budget, they will need to look into getting a new school bus, as well as planning for being able to "outfit" the new school.

They will have a full board this year, with seven members. They will be meeting with the construction company in September. In November, they will be looking at 65% drawings, and then will be beginning construction after that.

The new website and app have been doing well and have been very beneficial for sending out flash updates. There also will be an evacuation drill soon, which will include evacuating the children out of the school, from the bus barn and down the hill. All necessary personnel have been notified.

If anyone has any questions about the new school construction, or the tax rate, please look at the school website for the information.

#### **10. MAYOR UPDATES**

The city office rent will increase soon, which has been added into the proposed budget. Red River recently put in a sidewalk and signs on the building and would like for the city to contribute to the cost.

We will attempt to have Tony Prete come to the next city council meeting to discuss the subdivision ordinance.

#### **11. COUPLAND ESD 10 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY**

There were no updates at this meeting.

#### **12. COUPLAND CITIZENS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION**

There were no updates at this meeting.

#### **13. THE NEXT COUPLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2024.**

**14. ADJOURN MEETING.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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**Rachel Wrzuszczak, City Secretary**

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**Russell Schmidt, Mayor**