

Minutes of the Regular Called Meeting of the Combine City Council On Monday, July 27, 2015 p.m. at Combine City Hall

A regular called meeting of the Combine City Council was held on July 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Combine City Hall, 123 Davis Road, Combine, TX 75159 with said majority present:

Brenda Loyd
Del MacLaren
Patrick Stepp
Christi E. Smith
Sharon Carrier
Tim Ratcliff

City Staff Present:

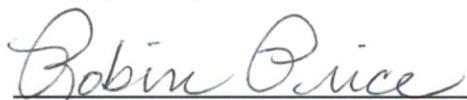
Jack Gilbert – Police Officer
Robin Price – City Secretary/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **PLEDGE AND INVOCATION** was led by Tim Ratcliff
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**
3. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Combine Police Department – Jack Gilbert
 - b. Combine Fire Department – no monthly report but the fire department is having a fundraiser at Taco Casa on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. 10% of proceeds will be given back to the fire department.
 - c. Combine Municipal Court – Tim Ratcliff
 - d. Planning & Zoning – no report for June but there is a meeting planned for August 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a variance request.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Review & approve Treasurer's Report for June 2015. Sharon Carrier made a motion to accept and approve the June 2015 Treasurer's report. Christi Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
5. **MINUTES:** Review & approve June 1, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting minutes for May 2015. Brenda Loyd made a motion to accept and approve the June 1, 2015 minutes. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0. Review & approve the June 22, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting minutes. Del MacLaren made a motion to accept and approve the June 22, 2015 minutes. Sharon Carrier seconded the motion. Christi Smith abstained because she was not at the June 22 meeting. Motion passed 4-0-0. Review & approve the July 23, 2015 Budget Workshop minutes. Christi Smith made a motion to accept and approve the minutes for the July 22, 2015 budget workshop. Del MacLaren seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
6. **DISCUSSION:** The council discussed private and county road maintenance in the city. The major explained why the city can and cannot adopt streets and the process for getting it done. The city has no control over county road maintenance.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed nominating a representative to the NCTCOG Subregion Public Works Council. Christi Smith made a motion to pass on making a nomination. Sharon Carrier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed adopting the privately owned Smith Ln. into the city. Christi Smith made a motion to adopt Smith Ln. in to the City of Combine. Brenda Loyd seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed sending a formal request to get bids from Kaufman County for roadwork on Smith Ln. Christi Smith made a motion to send a formal request to Kaufman County to get a bid on doing roadwork on Smith Ln. Brenda Loyd seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed giving the mayor and chief of police the authority to use budgeted money to purchase new police vehicles through other agency auctions. Patrick Stepp made a motion to give the chief of police the authority to use budgeted money to purchase new police vehicles. Del MacLaren seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed letting the Kaufman County Tax office publish a notice regarding the 2015/2016 Proposed Property tax rate. This must be done before August 1st if we are to consider a new tax rate. Christ Smith made a motion to let the Kaufman County Tax office publish a notice for the City of Combine. Del MacLaren seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
12. **DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the CDBG – HUD Grant Program and what changes the federal government is setting.
13. **DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the property Tax legislation made from the last state legislative session. The tax increase may affect school taxes, but it will not affect our city taxes.
14. **DISCUSSION:** The mayor made a formal second reading of the proposed Combine Road Ordinance 2014-003.
15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Combine Road Ordinance 2014-003 was not yet adopted. Waiting on final version.
16. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed a resolution for the Kaufman County 911 Call System. Council signed Resolution 7.27.15 stating that the citizens of Combine, Texas shall not pay additional revenues for the City 9-1-1 call service from Kaufman County but shall continue to utilize the service.
17. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council set three dates for budget workshops. August 10, August 13 and August 18 if needed at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Tax Hearing and Budget Hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. before the regular August City Council meeting on August 24, 2015.
18. Council adjourned to executive session at 8:45 p.m. concerning the Combine Municipal Court, Municipal Judge and Court Clerk positions. Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m.
19. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed moving the current Presiding Municipal Judge to the Associate Judge position and the current Associate Judge, Cathy Penn, will become the new Presiding Municipal Judge. The effective date will be announced at the next city council meeting. Christi Smith made a motion to accept this change. Del MacLaren seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
20. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

I hereby certify that these minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Robin Price, City Secretary/Treasurer