

Minutes of the Regular Called Meeting of the Combine City Council On Monday, August 24, 2015 p.m. at Combine City Hall

A regular called meeting of the Combine City Council was held on August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Combine City Hall, 123 Davis Road, Combine, TX 75159 with said majority present:

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

Absent:
Brenda Loyd

City Staff Present:

Jack Gilbert – Chief of Police
Robin Price – City Secretary/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **PLEDGE** was led by Mayor, Tim Ratcliff.
INVOCATION was given by Chief of Police, Jack Gilbert.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** There were two citizen comments.
3. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Combine Police Department – Jack Gilbert
 - b. Combine Fire Department – Rick Nessner
 - c. Combine Municipal Court – None given
 - d. Planning & Zoning – Tonya Ratcliff
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Review & approve Treasurer's Report for July 2015. Christi Smith made a motion to accept and approve the July 2015 Treasurer's report. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
5. **MINUTES:** Review & approve July 27, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting minutes. Christ Smith made a motion to accept and approve the July 27, 2015 minutes. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0. Review & approve the August 10, 2015 Budget Workshop minutes. Del MacLaren made a motion to accept and approve the August 10, 2015 Budget Workshop minutes. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0. Review & approve the August 13, 2015 Budget Workshop minutes. Patrick Stepp made a motion to accept and approve the minutes for the August 13, 2015 budget workshop. Sharon Carrier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0. Review & approve the August 18, 2015 Budget Workshop minutes. Patrick Stepp made a motion to accept and approve the minutes for the August 18, 2015 budget workshop. Del MacLaren seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
6. **DISCUSSION & ACTION:** The council discussed passing a \$0.02 Ad Valorem Tax increase for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. A motion was made by Christi Smith to accept the \$0.02 Ad Valorem Tax increase for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, making the tax rate \$0.31 per \$100. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed passing the proposed budget as the new budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Christi Smith made a motion to pass the 2015-2016 budget. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed the variance request for 2450 Patsy Lane. Christi Smith made a motion to not accept the variance request for 2450 Patsy Lane because it would go against the city's ordinance having more than one residence on an acre of land. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council discussed the variance request for 20-acre property on 1389. No action was taken at this time.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** Council approved the corrected Combine Road Ordinance 2014-003. Patrick Stepp made a motion to accept the corrected ordinance. Del MacLaren seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
11. **DISCUSSION:** Council discussed what amendments need to be made to the current 2014-2015 FY budget.
12. **DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the upcoming changes in the municipal court. Effective September 1, 2015, Judge Cathy Penn will take over as Presiding Municipal Court Judge. Judge Barbara McBurney will become Associate Judge. Cecil Stewart will stay on as needed to train Robin Price in the clerk position.
13. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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



Robin Price, City Secretary/Treasurer