

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Combine City Council Monday, January 25, 2016, 7:00p.m. at Combine City Hall

The regular meeting of the Combine City Council was held on January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Combine City Hall, 123 Davis Road, Combine, TX 75159 with said majority present:

**Del MacLaren
Patrick Stepp
Brenda Loyd
Tim Ratcliff
Sharon Carrier**

City Staff Present:

**Jack Gilbert – Chief of Police
Rick Nessner – Fire Chief
Robin Price – City Secretary/Treasurer/Court Clerk**

Absent:

Christi Smith

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:** One citizen made a comment to the council.
- 3. REPORTS:**
 - a. Combine Police Department - monthly report – Chief, Jack Gilbert
 - b. Combine Fire Department - monthly report – Chief, Rick Nessner
 - c. Combine Municipal Court – monthly report – Robin Price
 - d. Planning & Zoning - monthly report – no report for November. **P&Z is also looking for two more members to serve on the P&Z Board.**
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Review & approve Treasurer's Report for December 2015. Patrick Stepp made a motion to accept and approve the December 2015 Treasurer's report. Brenda Loyd seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
- 5. MINUTES: Review & approve the December 2015 minutes.** Del MacLaren made a motion to accept and approve the December 2015 minutes. Sharon Carrier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
- 6. DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the Dallas County Appraisal District Annual Report. The full report is at city hall.
- 7. DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the Kaufman County Appraisal District Annual Report. The full report is at city hall.

8. **DISCUSSION:** Council discussed road repairs that have been made and what repairs need to be next on the schedule. We are waiting on an estimate from Dallas County to make repairs on Smith Drive, Smith Circle and Patsy Lane.
9. **DISCUSSION:** Council discussed recommendations by Judge Cathy Penn and the Chief of Police, Jack Gilbert, to improve security measures at City Hall. Further research will be done.
10. **DISCUSSION & ACTION:** Council discussed taking action to make an amendment to the new animal ordinance 2015-004 to allow for pigs. The council decided that since an ordinance has been in effect for 23 years to disallow any swine, they would leave the ordinance as is. There will be no amendment to allow pigs. Motion was made by Brenda Loyd to not add an amendment and too keep the ordinance as it is written. Sharon Carrier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1-0 with Patrick Stepp voting against keeping the ordinance as it written.
11. **DISCUSSION & ACTION:** The council discussed the Kaufman County Disaster Plan proposal. It was decided that Combine would not participate. The City will provide its own information to residents about disaster planning, possible grants/help available to residents for safe rooms, and safe guards that can be taken. Brenda Loyd made a motion to not participate in the Kaufman County Disaster Plan program. Patrick Stepp seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.
12. **DISCUSSION & ACTION:** Council discussed House Bill No. 283, posting a video and audio recording of each council session. The City of combine is exempt from this House Bill. Patrick Stepp made a motion to not post video and audio recordings of each council session. Brenda Loyd seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
13. **DISCUSSION & ACTION:** Council discussed the upcoming election on May 7, 2016. There are three (3) positions up for renewal on the City Council. Sharon Carrier made a motion to call for election on May 7, 2016 and contract with Kaufman County for election services. Del MacLaren seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

ADJOURN: 8:28 pm

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

Robin Price, City Secretary/Treasurer