

# MINUTES OF THE FY 2021/2022 BUDGET HEARING

Notice was given that the Combine City Council will hold a Budget Hearing on Monday August 23, 2021, starting at 6:45 p.m. at Combine City Hall, 123 Davis Road, Combine, Texas, 75159.

1. The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:45 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Tim Ratcliff..... Mayor

Tonya Ratcliff.....Council Member

Patrick Stepp..... Mayor Pro Tem

Chris Hamilton.....Council Member

Cecil Hutson.....Council Member

Absent:

Jessica Coker.....Council Member

City Staff Present:

Robin Price – City Secretary/Treasurer/Court Clerk

Police Chief – Jack Gilbert

Fire Chief – Larry Settles

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizen comments.

4. ADJOURN: Patrick Stepp made a motion to adjourn the hearing. Tonya Ratcliff seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above Notice and Agenda for this City Council Meeting was posted at Combine City Hall, City Website and Combine Express Store on Friday August 20, 2021 by 5:30 pm.



---

Robin Price, City Secretary/Treasurer

## MINUTES OF THE FY 2021/2022 TAX HEARING

Notice was given that the Combine City Council will hold a Tax Hearing on Monday August 23, 2021, starting at 6:50 p.m. at Combine City Hall, 123 Davis Road, Combine, Texas, 75159.

1. The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:50 pm.
2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Tim Ratcliff..... Mayor

Tonya Ratcliff.....Council Member

Patrick Stepp..... Mayor Pro Tem

Chris Hamilton.....Council Member

Cecil Hutson.....Council Member

Absent:

Jessica Coker.....Council Member

City Staff Present:

Robin Price – City Secretary/Treasurer/Court Clerk

Police Chief – Jack Gilbert

Fire Chief – Larry Settles

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizen comments.
4. ADJOURN: Chris Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the hearing. Cecil Hutson seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor. Hearing adjourned at 6:52 pm.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above Notice and Agenda for this City Council Meeting was posted at Combine City Hall, City Website and Combine Express Store on Friday August 20, 2021 by 5:30 pm.



---

Robin Price, City Secretary/Treasurer

## MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice was given that the Combine City Council will hold a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 23 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Combine City Hall, 123 Davis Road, Combine, Texas, 75159.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Tim Ratcliff..... Mayor

Tonya Ratcliff.....Council Member

Patrick Stepp..... Mayor Pro Tem

Chris Hamilton.....Council Member

Cecil Hutson.....Council Member

Absent:

Jessica Coker.....Council Member

City Staff Present:

Robin Price – City Secretary/Treasurer/Court Clerk

Police Chief – Jack Gilbert

Fire Chief – Larry Settles

3. Mayor Ratcliff led the pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizen comments.

5. REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS: Council reviewed and asked any questions they had on the regular monthly reports from the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and Planning & Zoning.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT: *The Council will review and approve the July 2021 report.* Patrick Stepp made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Chris Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: *The Council will review minutes from the July 26, 2021 regular meeting.* Tonya Ratcliff made a motion to approve the minutes. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: *The Council will discuss and take action to consider having the City and all employees participate in the Texas Municipal Retirement System.* Cecil Huston made a motion to not participate in the retirement system at this time. Tonya Ratcliff seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: *The Council will discuss and take action to approve and pass the Texas Municipal Retirement System Ordinance to start participation in the System if Item 8 above passes.* Not applicable because Item 8 did not pass.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: *The Council will discuss and take action to approve paying individual healthcare for Corporal Chapa at a yearly contribution of \$4,396.44. His salary will be increased by this amount and he will show proof that he has paid his policy. The City will consider looking into group policies in the future as the need arises. Everyone else has insurance provided by other policies at this time.* Tonya Ratcliff made a motion to approve paying for healthcare for Corporal Chapa. Chris Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: *The Council will discuss and take action on deciding when to finance a new tanker truck for the fire department which will raise the City's ISO rating and potentially lower residential insurance rates.* Cecil Hutson made a motion to accept the proposal from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC to purchase a new Tender Truck for the Combine Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Chief agrees to sell the department's current tender truck with the money going to the City to offset the cost. Tonya Ratcliff seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.
12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: *The Council will discuss and take action on approving the FY 2021-2022 Budget.* Cecil Huston made a motion to approve the FY 2021/2022 operating budget. Patrick Stepp seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.
13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: *The Council will take action to adopt Ordinance 2021-002 the 2021/2022 Tax Levy Ordinance continuing the same tax rate as last year at \$0.35.* Patrick Stepp made a motion to adopt and approve Ordinance 2021-002 keeping the property tax rate at .35 cents, which is effectively a 0.044178% increase by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate. Tonya Ratcliff seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.
14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: *The Council will discuss and take action on approving an application fee for plats when someone is dividing or splitting their land and updating that information on the City's Fee Schedule.* Cecil Huston made a motion to approve an application fee of \$50.00 to divide or split land. Tonya Ratcliff seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.
15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: *The Council will discuss the Resolution passed by Kaufman County Commissioners Court relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and update the City's current policy.* Patrick Stepp made a motion to update the City's COVID policy to follow the current CDC recommendations for anyone performing City duties. Chris Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.
16. DISCUSSION: *The Mayor will discuss the Wings Over the Wetland Fall Fundraiser scheduled for October 23, 2021.*
17. ADJOURN: Patrick Stepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tonya Ratcliff seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above Notice and Agenda for this City Council Meeting was posted at Combine City Hall, City Website and Combine Express Store on Friday August 20, 2021 by 5:30 pm.



---

Robin Price, City Secretary/Treasurer