

July 31, 2023 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Combes Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 7:00 pm Monday, July 31, 2023, at Combes Municipal Complex, 21626 Hand Road, Combes Texas to consider the following. Public comments may be e-mailed to agutierrez@townofcombes.com by the meeting date at 4:00 pm.

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Mayor Silvestre Garcia requested roll call.

1. Roll Call.

By City Secretary Jo Ann Niño

Mayor Silvestre Garcia – Present
Commissioner Olga H Montes- Present
Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar- Present
Commissioner Ann Forbes- Present
Commissioner Carlos Cordova- Present
Commissioner Mary David – Present

Mayor Silvestre Garcia- Quorum established, meeting goes on to the next item on the agenda.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Dennis Pagel led the Invocation.
Commissioner Carlos Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments: At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak, or any person may speak on any item on the agenda for a maximum of three (3) minutes. No formal action can be taken on these items. Action for Approval or Disapproval

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked if any person signed up with business before the council to speak.
City Secretary Jo Ann Nino informed the council no person was signed up.
Mayor Silvestre Garcia advised with no person signed up, he would move on to the next item on the agenda.

4. Presentation by-Mr. Tom Hushen, Cameron County Emergency Management- Hurricane Preparedness

Action for Acknowledgement.

Mr. Tom Hushen introduced himself as Emergency Coordinator and explained the power point presentation he would be presenting to board members and the community. A packet of the presentation was made available if interested.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to Acknowledge the presentation by Mr. Tom Hushen, Cameron County Emergency Management- Hurricane Preparedness. Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to Acknowledge the presentation by Mr. Tom Hushen, Cameron County Emergency Management. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

5. Consideration and Possible Action of Invoices for LeFevre Engineering –

a) #1037-A Unity Park Waterline-(Unity Park Development) \$15,314.45 (Bond 2021 Fund)

b) #1021-A Public Works Building and Animal Shelter \$12,834.50 (Bond 2021 Fund)

Action for Approval or Disapproval of (Items A-B)

City Administrator Ms. Aida Gutierrez explained to the City Council the work previously approved and status on work done for the Unity Park project for the City Council. The City Legal Counsel Mr. Gilberto Hinojosa re-visited the previous discussion related to the Surety Bonds.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for this item to go into executive session for further discussion.

Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion to enter executive session at 7:42 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar made a motion to return to regular session at 8:11 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to Table Consideration and Possible Action of Invoices for LeFevre Engineering –a) #1037-A Unity Park Waterline-(Unity Park Development) \$15,314.45 (Bond 2021 Fund) b) #1021-A Public Works Building and Animal Shelter \$12,834.50 (Bond 2021 Fund). Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion to Table Consideration and Possible Action of Invoices for LeFevre Engineering –a) #1037-A Unity Park Waterline-(Unity Park Development) \$15,314.45 (Bond 2021 Fund) b) #1021-A Public Works Building and Animal Shelter \$12,834.50 (Bond 2021 Fund). Seconded by Commissioner Mary David. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

6. Consideration and Possible Action- Minutes- July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Commissioner Mary David made a motion Consideration and Possible Action- Minutes – July 10,2023, Seconded by Commissioner Olga H. Montes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

7. Commissioner Ann Forbes-revisit the distribution of Agenda Packets to the Commissioners- (as per previously approved May 22, 2023, Special Meeting to have packets picked up by Commissioners and Mayor on Fridays prior to Mondays meeting)

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to revisit the distribution of Agenda Packets to the Commissioners- (as per previously approved May 22, 2023, Special Meeting to have packets picked up by Commissioners and Mayor on Fridays prior to Mondays meeting). Commissioner Mary David made a motion for agenda item to remain as previously approved. Motion dies due to No Second motion.

All Commissioners were given a chance to voice their opinion/comment on the item and find a solution on future delivery of the agendas to Commissioners.

Commissioner Mary David made a second motion to have packets picked up by Commissioners and the Mayor as approved on previous meeting on May 22,2023. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar. Commissioner Olga H Montes and Commissioner Ann Forbes voted against motion. With 3 (three) Commissioners voting for and 2 (two) against motion is passed due to unanimous vote.

8. Chief P. Quill-Consideration and Possible Action of.

a) Operation Stonegarden purchase of one (1) Ford F-150 Responders Vehicle from Silsbee Ford-BuyBoard Contract #610-19 purchase price \$49,566.00. (Operation Stonegarden Grant)

Chief of Police Mr. Patrick Quill explained the grant awarded to the Combes Police Department from Operation Stonegarden in the amount of \$60,000.00 to be used on the purchase of one police patrol vehicle. The balance of the \$60,000.00 of grant funding would be used to purchase emergency equipment for the vehicle.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to approve Operation Stonegarden purchase of one (1) Ford F-150 Responders Vehicle from Silsbee Ford-BuyBoard Contract #610-19 purchase price \$49,566.00. (Operation Stonegarden Grant). Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

b) In-Car Video System purchase of five (5) from Axon Digital for purchase price of \$57,431.24 under BuyBoard Contract #648-21 paid within five annual payments. (Asset Forfeiture Fund Account).

Action for Approval or Disapproval of (Items A-B)

Chief of Police Mr. Patrick Quill explained the reason for the upgrade of the In-Car Video System and how it would benefit the police department for the next ten years.

Commissioner Mary David made a motion to approve In-Car Video System purchase of five (5) from Axon Digital for purchase price of \$57,431.24 under BuyBoard Contract #648-21 paid within five annual payments. (Asset Forfeiture Fund Account). Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

9. Consideration and Possible Action to appoint Budget Officer-City Administrator to calculate the voter-approval tax rate for 2023.

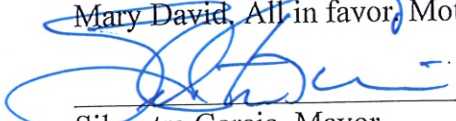
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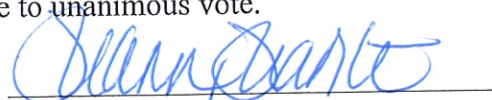
Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar made a motion of Consideration and Possible Action to appoint Budget Officer City Administrator to calculate the voter approval tax rate for 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Olga H. Montes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

10. Adjournment of Meeting.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion of Adjournment of Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mary David. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.


Silvestre Garcia, Mayor


JoAnn Duarte, City Secretary