

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Combes Commissioners met in a Workshop at 6:00 pm followed by a Regular Session at 7:00 pm Monday, August 26, 2024, at Combes Municipal Complex, 21626 Hand Road, Combes Texas to consider the following;

Public comments may be e-mailed to jduarte@townofcombes.com by the meeting date at 4:00 pm.

Budget Workshop 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

1- Budget Workshop: Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025.

Regular Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Mayor Silvestre Garcia requested roll call.

1. Roll Call.

By City Secretary Administrator Aida Gutierrez

Mayor Silvestre Garcia – Present

Mayor Pro Tem Mary David- Present

Commissioner Olga H Montes- Present

Commissioner Ann Forbes- Present

Commissioner Carlos Cordova- Present

Commissioner Jose J Herrera – Present

Mayor Silvestre Garcia acknowledged with all the commissioners presents; a quorum established -moves on to the next item on the agenda.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance. ✓

Commissioner Ann Forbes led the invocation.

Commissioner Olga H Montes 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 informed the city council there is one (1) person with business not scheduled on the agenda to speak or may speak on any item on the agenda for a maximum of three (3) minutes. No formal action can be taken on these items.

1. Mr. Anthony Medina instructor at Shop Class STX located at 16106 Orphanage Rd. Combes Tx introduced himself and gave a brief explanation of their mission at Shop Class STX, to bridge the gap between education and industry by providing top-quality training and hands-on experience to individuals looking to kickstart their careers in the trade industry. They are dedicated to NCCER Core

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The City Administrator addressed the city council with confirmation for Lower Tax Rate from .73 to .70 to begin process on Public Hearing Sheet.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

8. Consideration and Possible Action of: Rene Estrada No. 3 Subdivision- BEING A 0.549 ACRE (23,778 SQ FTT) TRACT OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK 24, DAVID & STEPHENSON SUBDIVISION IN SURVEY 26. New Combes Road- Requesting reimbursement of Subdivision Plat Fees of \$1,920.00 dollars. The owner has cancelled the platting of the subdivision.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

The City Administrator Ms. Aida Gutierrez explained to the city council that the subdivision was initially approved at the Commissioner's meeting on April 23, 2023. The property owner Mr. Rene Estrada requested the cancellation of the platting process in July 30, 2024. To date, the City of Combes has not made any improvements therefore Mr. Rene Estrada sought reimbursement of \$1920.00 (one thousand nine hundred twenty dollars) for the subdivision fees. The City Administrator Ms. Aida Gutierrez recommended that the \$150.00 (one hundred fifty dollars) plat review fee and \$100 (one hundred dollars) administrative fees not be reimbursed. Balance for reimbursement \$1670.00 (one thousand six hundred seventy dollars), Discussion among the city council and city counsel Mr. Gilberto Hinojosa pertaining to prior discussion, approval, and application for Agenda item #8.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action of: Rene Estrada No. 3 Subdivision- BEING A 0.549 ACRE (23,778 SQ FTT) TRACT OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK 24, DAVID & STEPHENSON SUBDIVISION IN SURVEY 26. New Combes Road- Requesting reimbursement of Subdivision Plat Fees of \$1,920.00 dollars. The owner has cancelled the platting of the subdivision.

Mayor Pro Tem Commissioner Mary David made a motion to approve the reimbursement \$1920.00 (one thousand nine hundred twenty dollars) with the exemption of the recommended amount of \$150 (one hundred fifty dollars) for plat review fee and \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) administrative fee is not included, to reimburse \$1670.00 (one thousand six hundred seventy dollars) Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

9. Consideration and Possible Action of proposals received and recommendation to award for the installation of Solar Street Lights on Hand Road. (tabled June 24, 2024)

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

The City Administrator Ms. Aida Gutierrez explained to the city council the reason for the item to be tabled was due to obtaining more proposals for the installation of Solar Street Lights, due to highest bid was \$45,650 (Forty-five thousand dollars six hundred fifty dollars). The city council's packet obtained several quotes for the breakdown of the installation of 17 Solar-Powered streetlights on Hand Road. Discussion was made among the city council pertaining to the quoted dollar amounts, the qualifications and the work to be done.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked the City Counsel Judge Gilberto Hinojosa if the city was obligated to take the lowest bid. Judge Gilberto Hinojosa responded to the question, stating that the law specifies that the lowest bid of the most qualified sub-contractor, unless there is a special circumstance that requires not to take the lowest bid. (examples given)

Mayor Pro Tem Commissioner Mary David recommended and felt Sparky Lighting is more qualified for the job.

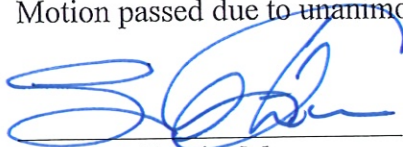
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Mayor Silvestre Garcia recommended to select the lowest bid if the qualifications and requirements are met, otherwise the selection for the next lowest bid would take place.

10. Adjournment of Meeting.

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Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion for adjournment of meeting. Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion for adjournment of meeting. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Commissioner Mary David. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.


Silvestre Garcia, Mayor
JoAnn Nino, City Secretary

ADDENDUM to Agenda August 26, 2024, at 7 pm

11. Chief P. Quill- Consideration and Possible Action of K9 Handlers Certification Course- La Vernia, Texas September 2, 2024-September 13, 2024 for Officer J. Alaniz and Officer J. Martinez.

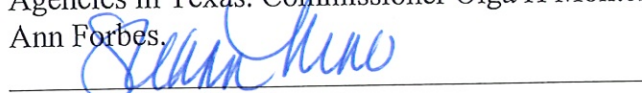
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Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to approve Chief P. Quill- Consideration and Possible Action of K9 Handlers Certification Course- La Vernia, Texas September 2, 2024-September 13, 2024 for Officer J. Alaniz and Officer J. Martinez. Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes.

12. Chief P. Quill- Consideration and Possible Action of State Mandated Policies to take effect by September 1, 2024, as per TCOLE to all Law Enforcement Agencies in Texas.

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JoAnn Nino, City Secretary

3:40 pm; August 23, 2024