

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Kevin White, Councilmembers Novada Bigham, Jayne Lankford, Sue Jones, Mitchell Tuck and Polly Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, David Madsen, Sherry Vann, Curt Myers, Charles Bittner, Doris Newman and Karen Hysell

OTHERS PRESENT Ken Pearce, Tim Rushing, Hank Murphy

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of the council was present.

Invocation led by Mitchell Tuck and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Greg Hollen

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Mayor Kevin White presented awards to Councilmembers Mitchell Tuck and Novada Bigham for their many years of service and leadership to the citizens of the City of Mineola. Mitchell Tuck 25 years and Novada Bigham 20 years.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on August 27, 2018, Special City Council meeting held on September 6, 2018 and Special City Council meeting held on September 13, 2018.
3. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of August, 2018.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for August, 2018.
5. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of August, 2018.

Council Member Mitchell Tuck made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jayne Lankford and carried by a unanimous show of hands.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITEM 6:

Hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

Mayor White opened the public hearing. There were no citizens present for comment.

There being no citizen comment, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 7:

Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending Section 44-29 Water Service Rates.

A motion was made by Council Member Jayne Lankford and seconded by Council Member Novada Bigham to approve the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 8:

Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending Section 44-76 Sewer Service Rates.

A motion was made by Council Member Mitchell Tuck and seconded by Council Member Greg Hollen to approve the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 9:

Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending Section 44, Water Rates, concerning fixed minimum monthly basic or demand fee for multi-family apartment complexes and other multi-inhabited institutional facilities.

A motion was made by Council Member Mitchell Tuck and seconded by Council Member Greg Hollen to approve the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 10:

Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending commercial solid waste collection fees.

A motion was made by Council Member Jayne Lankford and seconded by Council Member Polly Jones to approve the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 11:

Discuss and consider action on an ordinance approving the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Greg Hollen and seconded by Council Member Polly Jones to approve the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM: 12

Discuss and consider ratifying the tax rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Polly Jones and seconded by Council Member Sue Jones to approve the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM: 13

Discuss and consider action on an ordinance levying the tax rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Sue Jones and seconded by Council Member Jayne Lankford to approve the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM: 14

Discuss and consider action on an ordinance establishing Notary Service Fee.

City Secretary Cindy Karch informed the council that all city staff offers notary service for free to anyone who asks. She asked the council to consider implementing a fee for non-city of Mineola residents.

A motion was made by Council Member Sue Jones and seconded by Council Member Jayne Lankford to approve the ordinance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM: 15

Discuss and consider action on a resolution approving a decrease in rates related to the application of the Southwestern Electric Power Company for authority to decrease rates.

A motion was made by Council Member Sue Jones and seconded by Council Member Novada Bigham to approve the resolution. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM: 16

Mayor Comments

Mineola sales tax broke \$2 million this year for the first time ever. Mayor commended Mercy Rushing for her leadership and focus on increasing the sales tax revenue for the city. Mayor White reminded the council of a workshop scheduled to be held on October 15th at 5:30.

ITEM: 17

City Administrator Briefing

Mrs. Rushing read a letter of gratitude from the parents of Chloe Richardson. First Responders were able to revive her after she stopped breathing. They thanked the city for their quick response and action to save her. Also, the city received the two public works trucks purchased earlier in the year. These were purchased with cash, no lease was needed.

Mitchell Tuck thanked the city for the honor and it was a great surprise! Novada Bigham also thanked the city and stated it was a joy to serve.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for consideration, a motion to adjourn was made and the meeting adjourned.

Kevin White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary