

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
OCTOBER 15, 2018, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT Councilmembers Novada Bigham, Jayne Lankford, Sue Jones, Mitchell Tuck, Polly Jones and Greg Hollen

MEMBERS ABSENT Mayor Kevin White

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

OTHERS PRESENT Allison Utley, Hank Murphy

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Novada Bigham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of the council was present.

Invocation led by Greg Hollen and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Jayne Lankford

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITEM 1:

Executive Session: the City Council will no convene into a closed meeting on October 15, 2018 at 5:32 p.m. for deliberations regarding real property, Lot 10A, Block 4, Mineola Townsites, as authorized by the Government Code Chapter 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property.

The City Council will now convene into open session at 5:58 p.m.

ITEM 2:

Hold a public hearing to consider purchase of property by the Mineola Economic Development Council of real property, Lot 10A, Block 4, Mineola Townsites.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bigham announced that this item would be postponed to a future agenda, if needed.

ITEM 3:

Discuss and consider action to approve Mineola EDC to negotiate purchase of Lot 10A, Block 4, Mineola Townsites by the Mineola Economic Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Council Member Jayne Lankford and seconded by Council Member Sue Jones to approve MEDC to move forward with negotiations to purchase the property. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 4:

Discuss and consider action on an Option Agreement – Lease Easement Purchase from Landmark Dividend LLC.

Mrs. Rushing informed the council that staff recommended not entering into the agreement as it would take away future earnings from the lease as it currently stands. But, this was a council decision whether or not to accept the agreement.

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

ITEM 5:

Discuss and consider action on a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mineola Police Department and Mineola Independent School District regarding the Mineola ISD Police Department.

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

WORKSHOP SESSION (no action was taken on the following items)

ITEM 6:

Discuss Prairie Dogs at the Preserve.

Mrs. Rushing spoke about how the Prairie Dogs came to be at the Preserve, the liability created by the damage they caused, and her efforts to have them removed, which spanned a year and a half. She provided an update that as of this week, nearly all of the Prairie Dogs had been removed by Marc McDaniel, although he has yet to make contact with her on this subject.

ITEM 7:

Discuss Meredith Requests for 2019, requests due by November for December meeting.

Mrs. Rushing informed the council that they had a request form in front of them, and asked that they fill it out and bring it back to the next meeting. Requests from council and staff will be considered at the December meeting.

ITEM 8:

Discuss fence built on Minwood Street within the utility easement, Curt Myers, Building Inspector.

Mr. Myers briefed the council on the background of the issue, letting them know that a permit was issued to build the fence and had marked off the area of the survey which showed the utility easement where the property owner could not build. The property owner built the fence in the utility easement anyway, and will be addressing the council at the next meeting asking that the city abandon the easement. Mr. Myers and Mr. Crump both advised against the council abandoning the easement.

ITEM 9:

Discuss street repairs needed – William Crump, Public Works Director.

Mr. Crump provided a list to the council of the streets in each ward in most need of repair. He and Mrs. Rushing had recently visited each of these areas and agreed these streets were the worst.

ITEM 10:

Code enforcement update – Curt Myers

Mr. Myers updated the council on the work he’s been doing with Texas Communities Group in regards to delinquent tax properties.

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