

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
OCTOBER 22, 2018, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Kevin White, Council Members Novada Bigham, Jayne Lankford, Sue Jones, Mitchell Tuck, and Greg Hollen

MEMBERS ABSENT Polly Jones

STAFF PRESENT Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, William Crump, David Madsen, Doris Newman, Charles Bittner and Sherry Vann

OTHERS PRESENT Hank Murphy, Wood County Monitor

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. Year End Financials – Cindy Karch, Finance Director
2. Presentation of Reinvestment Information – Doris Newman, Main Street Director
3. TEDC Award – City of Tyler, City of Lindale, City of Mineola

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on September 17, 2018 and the Special City Council Meeting held on October 15, 2018.
5. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of September, 2018.
6. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of September, 2018.
7. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of September, 2018. (Police, Fire, Street, Code Enforcement, Marketing, Main Street, Building Inspections, Water, Wastewater)
8. Discuss and consider action on a resolution to approve naming the Wood County Monitor as the official newspaper for the City of Mineola for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
9. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from the Chamber of Commerce for the annual “Trunk or Treat” on October 31st, 2018, from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
10. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from East Texas Revive Fest for a Christian Music Concert on November 3, 2018 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
11. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from the Chamber of Commerce for the annual Christmas Parade on December 1st, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Council Member Sue Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Novada Bigham and carried by a unanimous show of hands.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITEM 12

Request to appear before the Council regarding utility easement located on Minwood Street – Dr. Meldrum Harvey, 240 Minwood.

Dr. Meldrum asked the council to sell or abandon the utility easement which cut into his property. He has built a fence on the easement and would like to “square it up” as it is in the shape of a cul-de-sac, which the city does not intend to build. However, it was noted that active utilities exist in the right-of-way.

No motion was made on the item. Mrs. Rushing asked city staff to see if the fence intrudes on any city utility and if squaring off the easement is a viable option.

ITEM 13

Executive Session: The City Council will now convene into a closed meeting on October 22, 2018 at 6:24 pm to deliberate real property as authorized by the Government Code Chapter 551.072, Deliberations Regarding Real Property.

The City Council will now convene into open session at 7:06 pm.

ITEM 14

Hold a public hearing on a resolution to designate certain areas in the city as tax abatement reinvestment zones.

Mayor White opened the public hearing. There being no citizens present for comment, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 15

Discuss and consider action on a resolution to designate certain areas in the city as tax abatement reinvestment zones.

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

Discuss and consider action to award a government lease purchase bid for two new police vehicles.

A motion was made by Council Member Jayne Lankford and seconded by Council Member Mitchel Tuck to award to the low bidder, Wood County National Bank. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 17

Discuss and consider action on a budget amendment ordinance for the General Fund for Police Department Expenditures.

A motion was made by Council Member Sue Jones and seconded by Council Member Greg Hollen to approve Ordinance 18-10-22-1. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 18

Discuss and consider action on a budget amendment ordinance to the FY 2017-2018 Budget for Meredith Grant Expenditures.

A motion was made by Council Member Novada Bigham and seconded by Council Member Sue Jones to approve Ordinance 18-10-22-2. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 19

Discuss and consider action on a budget amendment ordinance to the FY 2018-2019 Budget for Meredith Grant Expenditures.

A motion was made by Council Member Sue Jones and seconded by Council Member Novada Bigham to approve Ordinance 18-10-22-3. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 20

Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending Section 17-29, Water Tap Fees.

A motion was made by Council Member Sue Jones and seconded by Council Member Greg Hollen to approve Ordinance 18-10-22-4. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 21

Mayors Comments

Mayor White made some general comments on the great things happening in Mineola. Mayor White asked the council to get their Meredith Requests in before the next meeting.

ITEM 22

City Administrator Briefing

Continue to get wonderful letters about our officers. Mrs. Rushing read a letter from an elderly citizen complimenting the officers who helped her find her little dog after it ran away. Broad Street Church of Christ sent a letter complimenting the Mineola Nature Preserve after their church event, and what a wonderful venue it was. Mrs. Rushing presented the council with information on Texas Travelers who bring in tax revenue. The Toll 49 is expected to open mid to end of November.

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