

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Mitchell Tuck and Sue Jones

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

OTHERS PRESENT Gene Keenon, Republic Services; Neal Duncan and Allene Doggett, Wood County Industrial Commission

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 Kevin White and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Greg Hollen

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Gene Keenon with Republic Services presented the Mineola Nature Preserve a grant of \$5,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on November 26, 2018.
2. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of November, 2018.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of November, 2018.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of November, 2018. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Street, Water, Wastewater)
5. Consider approval of a street closure request from the Main Street Board for Friday, January 11th thru Saturday January 12th for the Line Street Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Council Member Polly 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

Discuss changes to the Wood County Industrial Commission bylaws.

Mayor White announced that item 12 would be considered first as two representatives from WCIC were in attendance. Neal Duncan and Allene Doggett both addressed the council. The WCIC had presented changes to

their bylaws to be considered by the Wood County Commissioners Court on Friday, December 14th. One of these changes would reduce representation from Mineola on the board. The County Commissioners postponed the vote to allow member cities more time to review the changes. Member cities were not made aware of these changes prior to their submission to the commissioner's court. Although no action is required by city council, Mayor White felt it necessary to brief them of the changes since we pay to be members of that board. This item will be discussed in further detail at a future workshop.

ITEM 6

Executive Session: The City Council will meet in Executive Session as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the following purpose: Sec. 551.072 – Deliberations Regarding Real Properties.

ITEM 7

Hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding purchase of property by the Mineola Economic Development Corporation, Lot 10A Blk 4, Mineola Townsites.

Mayor White opened the public hearing. No citizens were present for comment, and the hearing was closed.

ITEM 8

Discuss and consider action to approve a request from the Mineola Economic Development Corporation to purchase Lot 10A Blk 4, Mineola Townsites.

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

ITEM 9

Discuss and consider action 2019 Meredith Requests.

Mercy Rushing presented the council with the total score for each project. Each project was listed in order of importance based on the sum of scores submitted by the council.

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

ITEM 10

Discuss and consider action on a request from the Mineola Civic Center asking the city to continue paying the monthly recurring cost for the street lights located inside the park.

Monthly recurring costs are expected to be \$230. The Civic Center will continue to pay for upkeep, maintenance and repairs.

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

ITEM 11

Discuss and consider action on a Budget Amendment Ordinance to accept a bid for the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the Building Inspection/Code Enforcement officer.

A motion was made by Council Member Novada Bigham and seconded by Council Member Greg Hollen to approve action to approve Ordinance No. 18-12-17 to allow for the purchase of a new truck. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous show of hands.

ITEM 13

Mayor Comments

Mayor White reminded the council members to provide suggestions for the Complete Count Committee in support of the 2020 Census. There will be a city council workshop on January 24th to begin planning for the year. Also, he reminded the council that those up for reelection may sign up for a place on the ballot beginning January 16th.

ITEM 14

City Administrator Briefing

Mrs. Rushing informed the council of a donation received by Dance Dimensions to the Mineola Nature Preserve in the amount of \$500. Funds were raised during their annual Iron Horse Rhythm Run 5K held at the Preserve in September. Mrs. Rushing read a letter to the editor praising Officer Jeremy Smith. Mrs. Rushing then asked Lynn Kitchens, Marketing Director to show the council some of the promotional items she had been working on this month and how well they've preformed. She then informed the council of holiday closings for City Hall and other happenings around the community.

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