

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 25, 2019, 5:30 P.M.**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor Kevin White, Council Members Novada Bigham, Jayne Lankford, Polly Jones, Mitchell Tuck and Greg Hollen
- MEMBERS ABSENT** Sue Jones
- STAFF PRESENT** Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, David Madsen, William Crump, Lynn Kitchens, Doris Newman, Dusty Cook
- OTHERS PRESENT** Phil Major, Wood County Monitor; Gene Keenon, Republic Waste; Scott Berkley and Hayden Ray, UT Health EMS; Charles Padon, Sheila Padon and Derick McCain.
- 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 – Mr. Derick McCann of 316 McDaniel addressed the council on the subject of allowing Golf Carts on city streets. He wanted to know if the council planed on looking into the issue or not. Mayor White responded by saying that the city has done research on the issue by contacting other cities and legal resources. The city council will review this research and discuss in the December meeting.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on October 28, 2019.
2. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of October, 2019.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of October, 2019.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of October, 2019. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Street, Water, Wastewater)
5. Consider action on a street closure request from the Chamber of Commerce for the annual Christmas Parade on December 7th, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
6. Consider action to approve suspending for 90 days in connection with the statement of intent to increase rates filed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Beaumont/East Texas Division ("CenterPoint") on or about November 14, 2019 pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act.
7. Consider action on a resolution casting votes for Sam Curry to be elected to the Board of Directors for the Wood County Appraisal District for the 2019-2020 terms.
8. Consider action on appointing Vivian Bigham to the Parks and Open Spaces Board, ward 3 appointment, replacing Demethrius Boyd.

Councilmember Novada Bigham made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jayne Lankford and carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. Discuss and consider action on a budget amendment ordinance to the FY 2018-2019 Budget.

Councilmember Mitchell Tuck made the motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polly Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.

10. Discuss and consider action on a budget amendment ordinance to the FY 2019-2020 Budget for Meredith Grant Expenditures.

Councilmember Greg Hollen made the motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell Tuck and carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Hold a public hearing on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for an accessory dwelling on Lot 1 Block 1 of the Cage Addition, 802 Wigley.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 5:44 pm. Fire Marshall David Madsen gave a brief overview of the request and said that Planning and Zoning recommended approval. Property owner Charles Padon also addressed the council in favor of the permit. Mayor White closed the public hearing at 5:47 pm.

12. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for an accessory dwelling on Lot 1 Block 1 of the Cage Addition, 802 Wigley.

Councilmember Polly Jones made the motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Novada Bigham and carried by a unanimous vote.

13. Hold a public hearing on a request to rezone property described as Hart & Meredith Addition: Block 2 Lot 2, Block 2 Lot 1, Block 1 Lot 1, Block 1 Lot 2, Block 1 Lots 28-30 and Block 1 Lots 3-15.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 5:47 pm. Fire Marshall Madsen gave an overview of the request and said that Planning and Zoning recommended approval. There were no citizens present for comment. Mayor White closed the public hearing at 5:49 pm.

14. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance to rezone property described as Hart & Meredith Addition: Block 2 Lot 2, Block 2 Lot 1, Block 1 Lot 1, Block 1 Lot 2, Block 1 Lots 28-30 and Block 1 Lots 3-15.

Councilmember Novada Bigham made the motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell Tuck and carried by a unanimous vote.

15. Discuss and consider action on a resolution for a contract agreement extension between the City of Mineola and Allied Waste Systems, Inc., DBA Republic Services of Kilgore for commercial solid waste collection.

Mayor White moved this item ahead of number nine for consideration first. Mr. Gene Keenon with Republic Waste informed the council that this extension extends the contract for five years and no rate increase is included at this time.

Councilmember Greg Hollen made the motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jayne Lankford and carried by a unanimous vote.

16. Discuss and consider action on a Letter of Engagement to retain BrooksWatson & Co. for audit services for fiscal years 2019, 2020 & 2021.

Councilmember Greg Hollen made the motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jayne Lankford and carried by a unanimous vote.

17. Discuss and consider action on a Memorandum of Understanding between Tyler Junior College Veterinary Technology Program and the Mineola Animal Shelter.

Captain Dusty Cook briefed the council on the proposed partnership with Tyler Junior College.

Councilmember Mitchell Tuck made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jayne Lankford and carried by a unanimous vote.

18. Discuss and consider action to close the Nature Preserve for the annual Texas Youth Hunting Program Dept with Texas Parks and Wildlife Youth Hunt on December 21 & 22, 2019 and January 18 & 19, 2020.

Councilmember Novada Bigham made the motion to approve the closure. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polly Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.

19. Discuss 2020 Meredith Requests.

City Manager Mercy Rushing presented the council with a packet with the Meredith Requests from each department. She asked that they rank these projects in order of importance and return them to her by no later than Monday December 9th for consideration on the December 16th agenda. No action was taken on the item.

20. Mayor Comments – regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.

Mayor White addressed the EMS employees in attendance and asked if the council had any questions for them. Mr. Scott Berkley said that representatives from EMS will be attending meetings regularly to make sure there are no questions and that things are running smoothly.

21. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

Mrs. Rushing read a letter from TCEQ that they received our corrosivity engineering report and it was accepted, meet the minimum requirements. She read a letter praising our officers for their assistance to two US Correction officers on a transport where detainees were attempting to escape. She also briefed the council on area events and happenings around town, and read several accolades received for city employees.

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