

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
JANUARY 27, 2020, 5:30 P.M.**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor Kevin White, Council Members Novada Bigham, Jayne Lankford, Sue Jones, Polly Jones, Mitchell Tuck and Greg Hollen
- MEMBERS ABSENT** None
- STAFF PRESENT** Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, David Madsen, Lynn Kitchens, Doris Newman, Justin Clower, Charles Bittner
- OTHERS PRESENT** Phil Major, Wood County Monitor, Jim & Lori Shipman, Curt Myers, Cassandra Sampson
- 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 - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and City Council Workshop on December 16, 2019.
2. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of December, 2019.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of December, 2019.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of December, 2019. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Street, Water, Wastewater)
5. Consider approval of a Records Destruction Request.

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

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Discussion and briefing by city staff concerning Park Place drainage issues.

Mrs. Lori Shipman addressed the council about storm water flow onto her property and threatening her home. Discussion by the council was held on possible solutions that could be done and wanted to hold a workshop at a future date to discuss further. No action was made on the item.

7. Discuss and consider action to relocate the city warehouse located on Front Street, and needed budget amendment ordinance regarding same.

City Manager Mercy Rushing provided a cost-estimate to remove the building versus the value of the building and other storage options available to the city. No action was taken on the item.

8. Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal Agreement with Wood County for street repairs.

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

9. Discuss and consider action on an amendment to the Joint Airport Agreement between the City of Quitman, City of Mineola and Wood County.

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

10. Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal Agreement to hold a joint election location with Mineola ISD at the Mineola City Hall.

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

11. Discuss and consider action to call an election on May 2nd, 2020 for council positions Alderman's Ward 1, 2 & 3.

Councilmember Mitchell Tuck made the motion to call the election. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.

12. Discuss and consider action on updates to the Main Street bylaws.

Councilmember Sue Jones made the motion to adopt the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Greg Hollen. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. Executive Session: The City Council will now convene into a closed meeting on January 27, 2020 at 6:15 pm to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 551.087

The City Council will now convene into open session at 6:55 pm.

14. 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 had no comments.

15. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

Mercy presented a report on police training for the past six months, and informed the council that the city will be coming back with a budget amendment to allow for more specialized training, which is more expensive than regular training. Sale tax up four months in a row, January was up 18.5%, which reflected November spending. We are 11.18% for the year, budget was 3%. Mercy gave an update on the MISD Grant Partnership, and she will be bringing an agreement next month between the school and the city for the CTE grant. Mercy is the chairman of the committee. When asked what assistance we needed to get this program going she suggested an assistant. The grant can provide a person to work for six months to assist with the grant. The individual will be housed at City Hall and work for both the school and city. She then briefly summarized upcoming events in the city on the city calendar.

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