

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 23, 2020

TO: Mayor & City Council
CC: Mercy Rushing, City Manager

FROM: David Madsen

SUBJECT: Council Meeting Agenda Item: Budget Amendment

Background Information: During a recent rescue operation we determined that our department is in need of certain rescue equipment. We are in need of a Tripod Kit with retrieval system, which is used to rescue persons from below grade, along with harnesses and accessories. We had to use some of another department's equipment on this operation and found it was necessary not to depend on others for items like this. There have been several situations that this tripod kit would have helped speed up the rescue process and made it safer for everyone. I would like to use funds in the Fire Department Capital account. This money comes from the County subsidy. I am asking for \$9580.

Recommendation: Staff recommends spending approval.

Final Disposition:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AS SET OUT IN SUCH BUDGET AMENDMENT AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mineola, Texas, adopted Ordinance No. 19-08-26-01 on August 26, 2019, approving expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2020 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS:

Section 1. The appropriation amounts of the official budget of the City of Mineola for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 are hereby amended as described below:

Section 2. To provide for purchase of rescue equipment for the Fire Department.

Section 3. The amendments to authorized appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, are summarized as follows:

Increase Expenses:

Account	Description	Amount
01-59050-007	Instrument/Apparatus	\$9,580.00

Section 4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to make intra-departmental and inter-departmental fund transfers within a fund during the fiscal year as becomes necessary in order to avoid the over-expenditure of a particular object code or department.

Section 5. A true and correct copy of the Amended Budget is hereby directed to be filed in the office of the City Secretary, and said Amended Budget is made part of this Ordinance by reference as though fully copied herein verbatim.

Section 6. It is being deemed by the City Council that this Ordinance shall go into immediate effect and force after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mineola, Texas on the 27th day of April, 2020.

Kevin White, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary

WEBXTRA: East Texas firefighters rescue teenage girl from Wood County well



Pictured are David Kratzmeyer and Erynn Thomas. Firefighters rescued Erynn after she fell into a well Tuesday.

By [Jamey Boyum](#) and [Gary Bass](#) | April 22, 2020 at 1:59 PM CDT - Updated April 23 at 12:02 AM

HAINESVILLE, Texas (KLTV) - A group of firefighters from area VFDs worked together to rescue a teenage girl who fell into a water well in Wood County on Tuesday.



Pictured is the water well that Erin Thomas fell into on Tuesday. (Source: KLTV Staff) (Source: KLTV Staff)

well.

Erynn Thomas was playing with a friend when she accidentally fell into a well that was 35 to 40 feet deep.

The friend ran to Thomas' grandparents' house nearby to tell them what had happened. David Kratzmeyer, Thomas' grandfather, rushed to the well with a length of knotted rope, and they tried and failed to pull Erin out of the well.

Next door neighbor Ty Oaks, who is a firefighter with the Hainesville Volunteer Fire Department, hurried over to help as the grandfather was calling 911. He called Cory Clanton, his chief, because he knew Clanton was an expert in this sort of rescue.

Oaks also asked the dispatcher to page out the Mineola VFD because he knew they had the kind of equipment they would need to pull Thomas out of the

The firefighters topside lowered Justin Clower down into the well to help Thomas.

"It was different," Clower said.

Clower said they were both in the water at the bottom of the well, and it was hard to get out of the way enough to help Thomas get into the harness. Eventually, he managed to get Thomas into the harness, and other firefighters at the scene pulled her up.

Somehow, Thomas wasn't injured as a result of her ordeal.

"I'm really happy things worked out the way they did," Oaks said. "It could have turned out a lot worse."

KLTV's Jamey Boyum will have more on this story later today.

