

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
JUNE 22, 2020, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT **In person:** Mayor Kevin White, Council Members Jayne Lankford and Mitchell Tuck **Via video/phone conference:** Council Members Sue Jones, Polly Jones Greg Hollen and Cassandra Sampson

MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT **In person:** Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, William Crump, Doris Newman, Lynn Kitchens, David Madsen, Dusty Cook and City Attorney Blake Armstrong

OTHERS PRESENT **In person:** Patrick Woods, PerdueBrandon; Wilford Jones, Citizen. **Via video/phone conference:** Phil Major, 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 Kevin White

CITIZEN COMMENT – Mr. Wilford Jones of 104 Stone Street asked the council to consider adopting an ordinance prohibiting youth from wearing their pants sagging. He would like to see this offence punishable by a fine or community service. He stated that sagging pants is now a signal of gang affiliation.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Mr. Patrick Woods of PerdueBrandon made a presentation to the council updating them on delinquent tax collections.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on May 18, 2020 and the City Council Workshop on June 1, 2020.
3. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of May, 2020.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of May, 2020.
5. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of May, 2020. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Street, Water, Wastewater)
6. Consider approval of Civic Center Board of Director appointment of Doris Newman for a three year term.

Councilmember Lankford made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. **Hold a public hearing to zone property recently annexed, described as Lots 6, 7 Cowan Addition, as SF-7, Single Family.**

Mayor White opened the public hearing. No citizens were present for comment. David Madsen explained this property is the one recently annexed and needed to be zoned. Planning and Zoning commission recommended approval. The hearing was closed.

8. Discuss and consider action to zone property recently annexed, described as Lots 6, 7 Cowan Addition, as SF-7, Single Family.

Councilmember Sue Jones made the motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

9. Discuss and consider action on a resolution authorizing the submission application for and acceptance of the payment of funds for the Federal Corona Virus Aid, Relief, and Economy Security (CARES) Act Grant and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polly Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

10. Discuss and consider action on a resolution approving the submission of the grant application for the Mineola Police Department's Prepare, Prevent & Respond Project to the Office of the Governor.

Councilmember Hollen asked for further clarification on the grant. He wanted to know if the city would be locked into an annual contract for the software after the initial purchase, and if so what would that annual cost be. Police Captain Dusty Cook stated that there was no annual commitment after the initial purchase of the equipment and software.

Councilmember Hollen made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

11. Discuss upcoming budget workshops.

Mayor White stated that council was to also have a budget workshop today but recent events have delayed it a bit. He asked if the council would be available for another date for the first budget workshop and the agreed upon date was July 9th at 5:30 PM.

12. Executive Session: The City Council will now convene into a closed meeting at 6:29 p.m. to deliberate regarding real property as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 551.072 and consultation with attorney as authorized by Government Code Chapter 551.071.

The City Council will now convene into open session at 7:24 p.m

13. 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 informed the council that the only upcoming event this month would be the July 4th Fireworks Display at the Mineola Civic Center.

14. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

City Manager Mercy Rushing read several accolades and thank-you notes received from citizens to city staff, and one from Mrs. Novada Bigham, past Councilmember. She updated them on the landscaping projects going on at the train depot and City Hall, that two restaurants have opened up, The Vault and Downtown Pizza, despite only being able to operate at lower capacity. The city will be continuing the dumpster service on Saturdays through July, except for July 4th., and that Wood County Economic Commission has developed a \$200,000 grant for business relief using UCC funds, and that \$20,000 was specifically allocated to Mineola.

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