

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT **In Person:** Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, David Madsen, Charles Bittner, Lynn Kitchens and Doris Newman

OTHERS PRESENT **In Person:** Gene Keenon, Republic Services. **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 Kevin White and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Greg Hollen

CITIZEN COMMENT – Mr. G. Waters of 1721 Country Club Drive in Mineola addressed the council regarding his concerns about a property next door to him. The property appears to have multiple code violations that are affecting his property and he asked the city to address these. He also requested that the city consider abandoning the alley that runs next to his property as it is not currently in use.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation by Mr. Gene Keenon with Republic Services of a \$1,000 grant to the Mineola Main Street Program. Doris Newman accepted the donation on behalf of the organization.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on June 22, 2020 and the City Council Workshop on July 9, 2020.
3. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of June 2020.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of June 2020.
5. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of June 2020. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Street, Water, Wastewater)

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

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. **Discuss and consider action on a resolution designating Carol Taylor and Angela Luman as agents to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate and the voter approval tax rate.**

Mrs. Karch informed the council that this was a new requirement of SB-2. Councilmember Jayne Lankford made the motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

7. Discuss and consider action on a preliminary plat for Blackmon Meadows.

Fire Marshal David Madsen explained that this plat is for the new subdivision recently annexed by the City. Councilmember Jayne Lankford made the motion to approve the plat. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Greg Hollen and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

8. Discuss and consider action on high bid received for sale of city property on Hogg and Buchanan St.

Two bids were received for the property; Jensco Investments for \$5,000 and Jeff Sandifer, LLC for \$12,001. City recommends accepting bid from Jeff Sandifer, LLC. Councilmember Sue Jones made the motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell Tuck and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

9. 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.

No comments

10. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

City Manager Mercy Rushing updated the council plans to update the council chambers to accommodate video conference public meetings and to act as a command post in the event of a disaster. Funds for the update will be from the CARES Act funding the city received. She relayed information gathered from a community meeting held at St. Paul Baptist Church earlier in the month and stated that it was a productive meeting. Also addressed was the fence removal at the Mineola City Cemetery. The story was picked up by multiple national and even some international news agencies. Work completed on the removal and now the respective organizations are working on beautification of the area.

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