

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
AUGUST 10, 2020, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT **In Person:** Mayor Kevin White, Councilmember Jayne Lankford **Via video/phone conference:** Councilmembers Sue Jones, Mitchell Tuck, Greg Hollen and Polly Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT Cassandra Sampson

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

OTHERS PRESENT **Via Video/Phone Conference:** Phil Major, Wood County Monitor; Amanda Duncan, Wood County Now.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of the council was present.

Invocation and pledges lead by Mayor White

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Discuss and consider action on a proposed tax rate for FY 2020-2021.

Councilmember Greg Hollen made the motion to propose a tax rate of 0.532, the no-new-revenue tax rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones. Those voting Aye: Sue Jones, Greg Hollen, Mitchell Tuck, Jayne Lankford and Polly Jones. Absent and not voting: Cassandra Sampson. None voting Nay.

2. Discuss and consider action on a budget amendment for the Police Department to purchase three new patrol cars.

Chief Charles Bittner addressed the council. These new cars will be a police package but will not be outfitted at this time. The dealership had a very low price on current year models. The police department does not have enough vehicles to allow officers to have a take-home vehicle. This is a problem when recruiting qualified officers as most law enforcement departments around us can offer this added benefit. Take-home cars would primarily be for supervisors. Mrs. Karch informed the council that this budget amendment will change the proposed FY 20-21 budget because it is dipping into funds that were going to be reserves. Councilmember Jayne Lankford made the motion to adopt the budget amendment ordinance in the amount of \$95,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polly Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

3. Mayors 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 had no comments.

4. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

Mrs. Rushing praised Doris Newman for her work in coordinating the beautification of city hall. She worked with the landscapers to get all of the flower beds planted and irrigated.

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