

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 1, 2020  
**TO:** Mayor White & City Council  
**FROM:** Mercy Rushing, City Manager & MEDC Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Fiber Broadband Construction for City of Mineola Project**

### **Background Information:**

Peoples Telephone Coop Inc. and Peter Woolford of Blackmon Meadows Addition owner and builder approached Mineola EDC and City of Mineola to assist them in bringing inside the City of Mineola new Fiber Broadband infrastructure that will help market and promote Mineola as a proactive community as it relates to technology.

Commitment Agreement for Fiber Broadband from four (4) organizations:

1. City of Mineola will provide a Right-of-Way of a 5 ft. minimum easement inside the City to Peoples if needed to complete construction of the Fiber Broadband project. This commitment was unanimously passed at the City Council Meeting on September 21, 2020.
2. Blackmon Meadows Addition agrees to place 2300 feet of duct throughout his development including seven (7) streets crossings and will done to Peoples specifications and design. Approx. Cost of \$25,000.00.
3. Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc. agrees to provide fiber internet service to any home in Blackmon Meadows that elects to subscribe. Peoples will also provide all materials, drops, customer equipment to each home and all labor to completely bring in new Fiber Optics Broadband infrastructure to the area up to the new addition. As part of the deal with MEDC, Peoples also agrees that they will provide up to two (2) free access points providing wireless availability for the public in the area of the Mineola Youth Foundation Recreation facilities.
4. Peoples Communications Inc., and Peter Woolford owner of the new Blackmon Meadows Additions requested that MEDC participate financially to help make this project happen. **Mineola EDC Board of Director unanimously voted individually via email to give to this project \$15,000.00 towards its Fiber Broadband construction bringing it up to Blackmon Meadows Subdivision. The funds is currently available under the MEDC Budget under Economic Development Special Project. MEDC will also be working with Peoples to make sure that we have public access free for the new internet connection at the Mineola Youth Foundation facilities.**

**Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of the Mineola Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and MEDC Executive Director, for Mineola City Council to consider approval of the \$15,000.00 to go toward the new Fiber Broadband construction from People's Telephone up to Blackmon Meadows Subdivision.



## Commitment agreement for Fiber Broadband Network Installation

This agreement letter confirms the commitment by the following parties responsible for expediting Fiber Broadband services to the Blackmon Meadows Addition located in the City limits of Mineola, TX.

- Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Peoples)
- Mineola Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
- Peter Woolford , Builder/Developer
- City of Mineola

### **I. Description of Project:**

Blackmon Meadows Addition FM 1254 (Ivey street), Mineola TX. - (33) lots Peter Woolford/developer.

### **II. Mineola Economic Development Corporation Commitment :**

The MEDC agrees to contribute \$15,000 towards the costs of bringing Fiber broadband to the Blackmon Meadows new sub division project inside the city limits of Mineola. With the contribution from MEDC the City of Mineola will also have Fiber Broadband Service at the Mineola Recreation Area (also known as Mineola Youth Foundation). The MEDC will be responsible for providing the necessary code to allow community member access to this free internet service and equipment provided by Peoples for the Mineola Recreation Area only.

### **III. City of Mineola Texas Commitment :**

The City also agrees to grant Right-of-Way of a 5ft. minimum easement to Peoples if such instrument is needed to complete construction of the Fiber broadband project. Peoples agree that prior to laying down fiber in City Right-of-Way, they will contact City Public Works to locate all our utilities within the project area as well as contacting dig test.

**IV. Builder/Developer Commitment :**

Peter Woolford agrees to place 2300 feet of duct throughout his development including (7) street crossings. The duct will be placed according to Peoples specifications and design.

**V. Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Commitment:**

Peoples agrees to provide fiber internet service to any home in Blackmon Meadows that elects to subscribe to Peoples current fiber offerings. Peoples will provide all materials in accordance with Peoples specifications which includes duct, handholds, fiber optic cable, drops & customer equipment to each home. In addition, Peoples will provide up to (2) access points providing wireless availability for the public. Peoples also agrees that fiber network will be completed for described project within a timely manner to serve homes as they are completed by builder.

**Agreed and Accepted:**

**Mineola Economic Development Corp.**

**Peter Woolford, Blackmon Meadows**

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**Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

**City of Mineola TX.**

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