

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020, 5:30 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

OTHERS PRESENT Holley Herring, Mineola Chamber; Barbara Stewart, Mineola Chamber; Joshua Pogue; Yvonne Maddox; 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 led by Jayne Lankford

CITIZEN COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Workshop on July 27, 2020 and the Special Council Meeting and Workshop on August 10, 2020.
2. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of July 2020. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Street, Water, Wastewater)
3. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) for 911 Database maintenance for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$3,023.30.

Mayor White pulled Item 1 from the consent agenda because the minutes listed were approved in a prior meeting. Councilmember Sue Jones made the motion to approve consent agenda items 2 and 3. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell Tuck and carried by a majority roll-call vote. Councilmember Sampson did not vote due to technical difficulties.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. **Hold a public hearing on a replat of Lot 1 Block 1 Maddox Addition, located on Sycamore Street.**

Mayor White opened the public hearing. Mrs. Rushing read a letter from Mrs. Mary Morrow of 707 Sycamore Street who was against the permit.

5. **Discuss and consider action on a replat of Lot 1 Block 1 Maddox Addition, located on Sycamore Street.**

No action was taken on the item. The replat was done last month. This item should have been a Specific Use Permit which will be on next month's agenda.

6. Discuss and consider action to solicit bids on city owned property, located on Private Road 6304, Mineola Tx, Property ID 14904.

Councilmember Jayne Lankford made the motion to approve the sale. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell Tuck and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

7. Discuss acceptance of high bid received for resale city property, Lot J, A of Lot I Block 34-1, Hart Street.

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

8. Discuss and consider action to give an easement to Peoples Communication for fiber optic lines to extend from Loop 564 to Blackmon Meadows on city right of way on FM 1254.

Councilmember Cassandra Sampson made the motion to grant the easement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jayne Lankford and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

9. Discuss 2020 parades and downtown events.

Discussion was held on how the council wanted to proceed with allowing large gatherings for upcoming parades and events during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Safety of the citizens was the main concern. The consensus was that parades will be allowed, but no candy will be thrown and the parades must take the traditional parade route which terminates at the Christian Church on Stone St. rather than allowing them to end at the Gazebo where large crowds tend to gather. No formal action was taken on the item.

10. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce to close streets for the Hometown Christmas Market and Parade on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

Holley Herring and Barbara Stewart both addressed the council on the Chambers plans for these two events. Council requested more information from the Chamber on how the booths would be laid out and how they would comply with social distancing requirements.

Councilmember Cassandra Sampson made the motion to postpone this item to the upcoming Special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

11. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce to close streets for the Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event on Saturday, October 31st.

Councilmember Cassandra Sampson made the motion to postpone this item to the upcoming Special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

12. Discuss and consider action on a request from the Parks Board concerning Grand Opening and events planned for the new Disc Golf Course.

Councilmember Polly Jones made the motion to allow the Parks Board to use the Preserve for the event. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jayne Lankford and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

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 told the council that the Governor opened restaurants up to 75%. He also said that as we get more information from the Chamber regarding their events, it would be forwarded to them.

14. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

Mrs. Rushing updated the council on the recent server crash which occurred on Friday. She read a Thank You note to the police department. Reminded the council that early voting would be at the Mineola Methodist Center on Newsome Street Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm October 13th through the 30th. She showed photos of the new basketball court on Wren Street and updated council on the status of that project.

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