

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL**  
**May 24, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**     Phil Major Wood County Monitor, Amanda Duncan Wood County Now, Carol Hollen (by video conference), Jim and Darlene Nicholson, Gina Todd, Sharon Eaton, Henry Lee, Jeri Sears, Eric Carrington, Shelia Stephens, John Ring, Guy Holden, Brandon Lankford, Preston Lankford, Alyssa Lankford, Elaine Tuck, Janea Holland, JP 2, Rita Clower, Sue Clower, and Guy Holden

**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 was led by councilmember Mitchell Tuck and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Elect Janey Lankford.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Presentation of awards for length of service to Mayor Kevin White, Alderwoman Polly Jones and Alderman Greg Hollen.

Mayor White presented Alderwoman Polly Jones and Alderman Greg Hollen with a service award and thank them for their service and time to the citizens of Mineola. He also thanked the council for working together for the betterment of the City. City Manager Mercy Rushing presented Mayor White with a plaque for his service as a councilman and Mayor to the City and its citizens.

**Incoming Council – Administer Oath of Office**

Jayne Lankford, Mayor Elect  
Terry Eaton, Alderman Elect, Ward 1  
Jack B. Newman, Alderman Elect, Ward 2  
Mitchell R. Tuck, Alderman Elect, Ward 3

City Secretary Cindy Karch swore in Mayor Elect Jayne Lankford; Terry Eaton, Alderman Elect Ward 1; Jack B. Newman, Alderman Elect Ward 2; and Mitchell R. Tuck, Alderman Elect Ward 3.

Mayor Lankford called for a 10 minute recess for refreshments and cake in honor of outgoing and incoming councilmembers and Mayors.

Mayor Lankford called the meeting back to order at 5:56 pm.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

John Ring spoke to the council about the Gold Stars Tribute Wall that honors Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan service men and women killed in the line-of-duty. Mr. Ring is looking for sponsorship of \$5,000.00 that would be paid directly to [tributewall.org](http://tributewall.org) so it could be displayed in Mineola from August 6, 2021 through August 9, 2021. Mineola would be the only town in Texas to have the wall displayed this year.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 26, 2021 and Special Meeting on May 4, 2021.
2. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of April 2021.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of April 2021.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of April 2021. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
5. Discuss and consider action on a request from Mrs. Koni Riley for a replat to subdivide property located on West Loop 564.

Councilmember Mitchell Tuck made the motion to approve 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**

##### **6. Discuss and consider action on appointment of Councilmember for Ward 2.**

Mayor Lankford opened the floor for nominations for councilmember of Ward 2. Councilmember Sue Jones nominated Greg Hollen. Councilmember Jack Newman nominated Eric Carrington. Paper ballots were passed out to the council and votes were taken. Greg Hollen had two votes and Eric Carrington had three votes. Eric Carrington will fill the councilmember position for Ward 2 for the remaining term of one year.

##### **7. Consider action on election of Council Mayor Pro-Tem for 2021-2022.**

Mayor Lankford opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem for 2021-2022. Councilmember Mitchell Tuck nominated Councilmember Sue Jones. Councilmember Cassandra Sampson asked to be considered. Paper ballots were passed out to council. Councilmember Sue Jones had three votes and Councilmember Cassandra Sampson had 2 votes. Councilmember Sue Jones will be the Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2021-2022 year.

- 8. Hold a public hearing to hear public comments on an amendment to the City of Mineola Zoning Ordinance, Heritage Preservation Overlay District, to include zero setbacks in the downtown Historic District.**

There were no public comments.

- 9. Discuss and consider action on an amendment to the City of Mineola Zoning Ordinance, Heritage Preservation Overlay District, to include zero setbacks in the downtown Historic District.**

Councilmember Sue Jones made the motion to an amendment to the City of Mineola Zoning Ordinance, Heritage Preservation Overlay District, to include zero setbacks in the downtown Historic District. Councilmember Jack Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 10. Executive Session: the City Council will now convene into a closed meeting on May 24, 2021 at 6:11 p.m. to seek the advice of the city attorney regarding contemplated litigation as pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071; for deliberations regarding Real Property, Lot 10A Blk 4, Mineola Townsites as authorized by Government Code Chapter 551.072; and for deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations as authorized by Government Code Chapter 551.087.**

**The City Council will now convene into open session at 7:31 p.m.**

- 11. Hold a public hearing on sale of real property, belonging to Mineola Economic Development at 101 E. Commerce Street, Lot 10A Blk 4 Mineola Townsites.**

No Public comments.

- 12. Discuss and consider action on sale of real property, belonging to Mineola Economic Development Corp., at 101 E. Commerce Street, Lot 10A Blk 4 Mineola Townsites.**

Councilmember Terry Eaton made the motion to approve the sale of real property, belonging to Mineola Economic Development Corp., at 101 E. Commerce Street, Lot 10A Blk 4 Mineola Townsites. . Councilmember Jack Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **13. City Manager Briefing and Announcements**

Ms. Rushing welcomed and congratulated the new councilmembers Jack Newman, Terry Eaton, Eric Carrington, and Mayor Lankford. She also thanked everyone in the audience for coming to the meeting to support and welcome the new councilmembers and the Mayor. Rushing told the council that in their packet they had the Month of June 2020 city calendar and budget timeline calendar. In the Budget timeline the first item will be the budget workshop on June 28<sup>th</sup>. She also told the council anything highlighted yellow on the timeline indicated that it was very important that everyone be present because a quorum is required.

Ms. Rushing also spoke on some upcoming events:

- Farmers Market every Saturday 8 am – 1pm
- NETHealth COVID vaccines June 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4pm at 101 W. Front St.
- Junk in the Trunk June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center

Ms. Rushing closed her briefings by telling everyone that the equestrian trails at the Nature Preserver had been closed due to all the rain.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for consideration, a motion to adjourn was made and the meeting adjourned.

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Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Karch, City Secretary