

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL**

August 23, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jayne Lankford and Council Members Sue Jones, Cassandra Sampson, Terry Eaton, Mitchell Tuck, and Jack Newman were all present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Carrington

STAFF PRESENT

Mercy Rushing, David Madsen, William Crump, Charles Bittner, Lisa Morrison, Owen Tiner, and Doris Newman.

OTHERS PRESENT

Phil Major Wood County Monitor; Scott Berkley-UT Health EMS; Jared Smith CEO of UT Health; and Tom Mullins-UT Health Consultant

CALL TO ORDER

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

Invocation was led by Council Member Terry Eaton and Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Jack Newman.

CITIZEN COMMENT - None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Scott Berkley – UT Health EMS Update

Mr. Berkley presented Chief Charles Bittner, Fire Marshal David Madsen; and City Manager Mercy Rushing with a challenge coin that said “Thank you for answering the call” and a certificate for their efforts and assistance during the ice and snow storm this year.

Jared Smith CEO of UT Health Hospital in Quitman gave an update and stats of COVID at the hospital and the county.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 26, the Special Council Meeting and Workshop on August 9, 2021.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of July 2021.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of July 2021.**

4. **Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of July 2021. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)**
5. **Consider approval to appoint Jared Smith to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill a vacant term.**
6. **Consider action on a replat of Lot 1 Block 1 of the JCR Addition, located on the corner of W. Kilpatrick and Pegues St.**

Council Member Sue Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda with an amendment to correct the minutes of July 26, 2021 showing Council Member Eric Carrington was present and to correct the spelling of the word “absent” in the July 26, 2021 and August 9, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Terry Eaton and carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. **Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Service for FY 2021-2022 between the City of Mineola and Wood County, and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement.**

Council Member Sue Jones made the motion to approve the Interlocal agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Service for FY 2021-2022 between the City of Mineola and Wood County, and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement. Council Member Mitchell Tuck seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. **Discuss and consider action on final acceptance of Project MN.164, Stone Street Sewer Improvements, and to approve the contractor’s final pay estimate with retainage reduced to 0%. Final payment amount is \$92,109.47.**

Council Member Terry Eaton made the motion to approve the final acceptance of Project MN.164, Stone Street Sewer Improvements, and to approve the contractor’s final pay estimate with retainage reduced to 0%. Final payment amount is \$92,109.47 Council Member Jack Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. **Discuss and consider action on an ordinance establishing a tax limitation regarding ad valorem taxes on the residential homesteads of persons sixty-five years of age or older or disabled effective for the 2022 Tax Year.**

Council Member Cassandra Sampson made the motion to approve an ordinance establishing a tax limitation regarding ad valorem taxes on the residential homesteads of persons sixty-five years of age or older or disabled effective for the 2022 Tax Year. Council Member Sue Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. **Discuss and consider action on an ordinance repealing section 40-1 (ad valorem tax homestead exemption for persons sixty-five years of age or older) of chapter 30 (taxation) of the City of Mineola effective for the 2023 Tax Year.**

Council Member Mitchell Tuck made the motion to approve an ordinance repealing section 40-1 (ad valorem tax homestead exemption for persons sixty-five years of age or older) of chapter 30 (taxation) of

the City of Mineola effective for the 2023 Tax Year. Council Member Sue Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance establishing a "No Parking Zone" for the 900 Block of W. Patten St.

Council Member Sue Jones made the motion to approve an ordinance establishing a "No Parking Zone" for the 900 Block of W. Patten St. Council Member Terry Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12. Discuss and consider action to terminate an Annexation Development Agreement between the City of Mineola and Lou Ellen Steele, Mary Ann Alotto and Margaret Jane Curtis, originally dated August 10, 2011.

Council Member Jack Newman made the motion to terminate an Annexation Development Agreement between the City of Mineola and Lou Ellen Steele, Mary Ann Alotto and Margaret Jane Curtis, originally dated August 10, 2011. Council Member Cassandra Sampson seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. City Manager Briefings and Announcements:

City Manager Mercy Rushing briefed the council on:

- September 9, 2021 council meeting and workshop and regular council meeting on September 13, 2021 must have a quorum.
- Farmers Market every Saturday from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm through October 30th.
- Mini train August 24th and the second and the 4th Saturday in September.
- Iron horse Festival September 25th.
- City of Mineola Employee Benefit Fair August the 24th.

Ms. Rushing also informed the council that UT Health Hospital of Quitman had reached out to the City asking for support and to see if they could please contact State Senator Bryan Hughes and House Representative Cole Hefner asking to help the hospital by sending more health workers to help with all the COVID cases. With the City of Mineola, the rest of the Cities in Wood County and the County itself contacting them the hospital will receive extra health care workers to help support their staff and give them some relief.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary