

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
OCTOBER 25, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Jayne Lankford; Council Members Mitchell Tuck, Jack Newman, Terry Eaton, Sue Jones, Eric Carrington and Cassandra Sampson

MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, David Madsen, William Crump, Owen Tiner, Doris Newman and Charles Bittner

OTHERS PRESENT Phil Major, Wood County Monitor and Amanda Duncan, Wood County Now; Stuart and Kathy Campion. Arriving after the meeting was in progress were Bret Unger and Joe Moore.

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 led by Councilmember Mitchell Tuck and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Terry Eaton.

CITIZEN COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Special Council Meeting on September 9th, the Regular Council Meeting on September 13th, and the Special Council Meeting on September 30th, 2021.
2. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of September 2021.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the months of August and September 2021.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of September 2021. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Street, Water, Wastewater)
5. Consider action on a street closure request from the First United Methodist Church to close E. McDonald St. between N. Johnson and N. Pacific St. on October 30, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
6. Consider action on a resolution naming the Wood County Monitor as the official newspaper for the City of Mineola for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
7. Consider action on Civic Center Board appointments of Bobby Madsen and Mark Chamblee to a three-year term.

Councilmember Cassandra Sampson made the motion to approve consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8. Discuss and consider request from Mr. Bret Unger to ask the city to replace the plumbing under his home in the amount of \$9,600 and comprehensive blood work of \$1,636.72; total request \$11,236.72.**

Mr. Unger arrived late to the council meeting and was not present while the council deliberated the item. Councilmember Jack Newman made a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.

- 9. Discuss and consider action on a resolution joining with the State of Texas and political subdivisions as a party in the Texas Opioid Settlement Agreement.**

Councilmember Sue Jones made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Eaton and carried by a unanimous vote.

- 10. Discuss and consider action on sale of city property, Lots 2E and 3G Block I, Mineola Townsites, 608 Padgett, to Myra McGlothen-Sutton in the amount of \$5,101.00.**

Councilmember Sue Jones made the motion to approve the sale. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jack Newman and carried by a unanimous vote.

- 11. Discuss and consider action to extend the lease on the Front St. cell tower.**

Councilmember Jack Newman made the motion to move forward with negotiations to extend the lease. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Eaton and carried by a unanimous vote. City Secretary Cindy Karch said that she would now work with the company to include the terms agreed upon by the council, and the lease document would be presented at the next regular meeting for approval.

- 12. Discuss and consider action to replat Lots 1, 2 of 14 Block 160-2 Mineola Townsites.**

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve the replat. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and carried by a unanimous vote.

- 13. Hold a public hearing on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for Lots 10, 11, 12 Block 273 Mineola Townsites, 110 & 112 Francis St., to allow Two Family Dwellings (Duplexes).**

Mayor Lankford opened the public hearing. There being no citizens present for comment, the hearing was closed.

- 14. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for Lots 10, 11, 12 Block 273 Mineola Townsites, 110 & 112 Francis St., to allow Two Family Dwellings (Duplexes).**

Councilmember Sampson made the motion approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

- 15. Discuss renaming a portion of Guy Street to comply with state addressing standards. Discuss action to place on a future agenda.**

Fire Marshall David Madsen explained that there are currently two streets in Ward 3 named Guy Street. The street was originally drawn to be one complete street, but it was never connected. One section of Guy Street has no homes, so he proposed that the council consider renaming that portion. He asked the council to consider some different names and asked that this be considered on a future agenda.

Councilmember Carrington made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Tuck to place this item on a future agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

16. Discuss and consider action on redistricting the City of Mineola Ward System based on 2020 Census data.

City Secretary Cindy Karch recommended the council approve an agreement to engage Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP to provide redistricting services for the City of Mineola. Total project cost is \$4,500. Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the agreement and proceed with redistricting. Councilmember Eaton seconded and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

17. Discuss and consider action on amendments to the City of Mineola Employee Handbook; add section 5.121 Mental Health Leave Policy for Peace Officers and 5.122 Emergency Response Provider Quarantine Leave Policy.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to adopt a resolution adding these two policies to the Employee Handbook. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.

Citizen Joe Moore of 290 County Road 2407 arrived and requested to address the council for citizen comment, even though that part of the meeting was now over. Mayor Lankford allowed Mr. Moore the standard three minutes normally allowed during Citizen Comment. Mr. Moore expressed his opposition to the new radio tower to be constructed at the Mineola Nature Preserve.

18. Executive Session: The City Council will now convene into a closed meeting on October 25, 2021 at 6:08 p.m. to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations and real property as authorized by the Government Code, Chapter 551.087, Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations and Government Code, Chapter 551.072, Deliberations regarding real property, and TX Local Govt. Code Chapter 380 to provide incentives for commercial and economic growth.

The City Council will now convene into open session at 6:27 PM.

19. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

Mrs. Rushing read a citizen email praising Manny Morales, Dylan Hargrove and Justin Clower for their help on a leak over the weekend. She informed the council of activities and events happening in Mineola, including the Veterans parade, Halloween Trick-or-Treating, a car show, pub crawl and the First United Methodist Church festival.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary

Jayne Lankford, Mayor