

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
DECEMBER 20, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Jayne Lankford; Councilmembers Mitchell Tuck, Terry Eaton, Sue Jones, Eric Carrington and Jack Newman. Attending via Zoom

MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Cindy Karch, David Madsen, William Crump, Owen Tiner, Lisa Morrison and Charles Bittner

OTHERS PRESENT Phil Major, Wood County Monitor; Amanda Duncan, Wood County Now; Leo Dressler, Inter-County Communications, and Gene Keenon, Republic Services.

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 Mitchel Tuck and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Eric Carrington

CITIZEN COMMENT – None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Gene Keenon with Republic Services presented a grant of \$5,000 to the Mineola Nat

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and Workshop on November 22, 2021.
3. Consider approval of the Financial Statement for the month of November 2021.
4. Consider approval of the Monthly Investment Report for the month of November 2021.
5. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of November 2021. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Street, Water, Wastewater)
6. Consider action on appointing Heath Kinder to the Parks and Open Spaces board.

Councilmember Terry Eaton made the motion to approve the 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

7. **Discuss and consider action to close the Nature Preserve for the annual Texas Youth Hunting Program Dept with Texas Parks and Wildlife Youth Hunt on January 14, 15 & 16.**

Councilmember Eric Carrington made the motion to close the Preserve for the youth hunt. Councilmember Sue Jones seconded the motion and it carried by a unanimous vote.

8. **Discuss and consider action on an ordinance establishing regulations concerning ground transportation and/or taxi service within the city of Mineola.**

Councilmember Newman made the motion to postpone the ordinance to the next city council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eric Carrington and carried by a unanimous vote.

9. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance approving the redistricting of the city's wards and establishing new ward boundary lines based on 2020 Census data.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to adopt the ordinance to redistrict Mineola city wards, approving "Plan A" of the two plans presented to council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and carried by a unanimous vote.

10. Discuss and consider action on bid acceptance for construction of a 280 ft. guyed communications tower.

David Madsen informed the council that two bids were received. After thorough review, he recommended awarding the bid to Inter-County Communications. Councilmember Sampson made the motion to award the bid to Inter-County Communications for construction of the tower. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Discuss and consider action on 2022 Meredith Requests.

City Secretary Cindy Karch presented the Meredith Requests as presented by city staff with projects scored by council in order of importance. Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and carried by a unanimous vote.

12. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

In the absence of the City Manager, City Secretary Cindy Karch briefed the council of City Manager Mercy Rushing completing her required training on the financial investment act; the yearend sales tax revenue ending on a plus; the Mineola Historical Preservation group dissolving and donated the remaining funds to the Landmark Commission; and the E-150 Mountain Biking event on January 9th, 2022. She also updated the council on office closures through the holidays.

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