

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, April 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

P	Jayne Lankford, Mayor	P	Mitchell Tuck
P	Sue Jones, Mayor Pro Tem	P	Terry Eaton
A	Eric Carrington	P	Jack Newman
P	Cassandra Sampson	P	Mercy Rushing, City Manager
P	Cindy Karch, City Secretary	A	Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

Staff Present: Lisa Morrison, David Madsen, and Owen Tiner

Citizens Present: Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Joe Daniels, Tiffany Damskov, Angie Malone, Martha Holmes, Ruby Sampson, Carter Mize, Joyce Williams, Jim Phillips, Steve R. B Foohé, Kim Galyean, and Leottice Walton

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Terry Eaton and pledges led by Eric Carrington

CITIZEN COMMENT

Carter Mize of 104 E. Patten addressed the council in support of more festivals and events downtown.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Presentation of award from Meals on Wheels to the City of Mineola for the Mayor Mayhem contest.**

Councilmember Sampson was presented by Meals on Wheels first place award for the first yearly Mayor Mayhem contest in Wood County. Councilmember Sampson known as Lady Spring brought joy and blessings to the Meals on Wheels residents.

- 2. Introduction of new Director of Public Works and Parks Operations.**

City Manager Rushing introduced Kyle McCoy as the new Director of Public Works and Parks Operations.

- 3. Presentation of Proclamation for National Train Day**

Mayor Lankford presented the Landmark Commission with a proclamation for National Train Day proclaiming May 14, 2022 as “Train Day in Mineola Texas”. The proclamation stated that Mineola greatly benefits from its place on the intercity rail network and passenger rail brings travelers back to American downtowns.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. Consider approval of minutes of the Special Council Meeting on May 3, 2022, Regular Council Meeting on March 28, 2022 and the Special Council Meeting on April 11, 2022.**
- 5. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of March 2022.**

6. Consider approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for March 2022.
7. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of March 2022. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
8. Consider approval of a Street Closure request from the Mineola Senior Class on May 25, 2022 for the Senior Sunset Dinner.
9. Consider approval of a Street Closure request from the Mineola Senior Class on May 23 (or 25) for Painting the Hill on Patten Street.
10. Consider action on a resolution to approve the annual Investment Policy.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction of May 3, 2022 to March 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

11. Citizen Comment requesting council to consider adopting a COLA for City of Mineola retirees.

Joe Daniels, retired City of Mineola employee, addressed the council asking them to consider passing an ordinance adopting COLA increase for retirees, citing rising inflation.

12. Presentation of 2nd quarter financial report.

Cindy Karch presented the 2nd quarter financial report.

13. Hold a public hearing on an ordinance to add Brewpub to the alcoholic beverage regulations.

No citizens were present for comment.

14. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance to add Brewpub to the alcoholic beverage regulations.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve to take action on an ordinance to add Brewpub to the alcoholic beverage regulations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.

15. Discuss and consider action of replat of Lots 3, 4, 5 of the Grand Plaza Addition.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve the replat of Lots 3, 4, 5 of the Grand Plaza Addition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and carried by a unanimous vote.

16. Discuss and consider action on a resolution to abandon easements located between Best Western Hotel and Lake Country Dental.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve a resolution to abandon easements located between Best Western Hotel and Lake Country Dental. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried by a unanimous vote.

17. City Manager Briefing and Announcements.

- a. Budget Timeline
- b. Election May 7th and Special Meeting May 10th.
- c. Phone and internet projects and savings

City Manager Rushing spoke to the council about the budget timeline and told them that everything that was highlighted is a mandatory meeting. Ms. Rushing spoke about the city's phone and internet service were all moved to ATT&T and made a \$200.00 savings a month for the city. Ms. Rushing told the council that Cindy Karch City Secretary is taking a Texas Certified Public Manager Program and has completed a section of the program.

Ms. Rushing gave a calendar of events for the month of May. May 7th – City & School Elections (City Council Chambers); May Fiesta Day (downtown Mineola); and Farmers Market. May 8th – Mother's Day. May 10th- Special City Council Meeting. May 14th – National Train Day in Mineola. May 30th – Memorial Day City Hall will be closed.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary

Jayne Lankford, Mayor