

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, August 22, 2022

Call to order and confirmation of quorum

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

Staff Present: Lisa Morrison, David Madsen, Justin Clower, Doris Newman, Chief Bittner, and Owen Tiner

Citizens Present: Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Roy Shockey from the Mineola Rotary Club; Vic Savelli, Allene Doggett; Lupita A. Wisener; Gregg Hollen, Bill Self, Leon Anderson, Phillip Casper Preacher of the First Baptist Church of Mineola; Wade Dixon-Burleson Wetlands group; Rick Johnson-Sabine River Mud Ranch; and other community members.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation led by Councilmember Tuck and pledges led by Councilmember Eaton

Citizen Comment

Wade Dixon, Burleson Wetlands, spoke to the council about the Burleson Wetlands group concerns with the new Sabine River Mud Ranch being built outside of the City Limits on HWY 69. Rick Johnson from Sabine River Mud Ranch spoke to the council about the new business and its positive effect on the city.

Presentations and Proclamations

Mayor Pro Tem Sue Jones presented a proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution proclaiming the week of September 17, 2022 through September 23, 2022 Constitution Week in Mineola.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 25, 2022.**
- 2. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of July 2022.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of July 2022. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)**

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda with corrected language in the July 2022 minutes where Public Works Director discussed the reason of the postponement of brush pick up until September. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion on Action Items, Public Hearings, Presentations, and Announcements.

- 4. Hold a public hearing on a Certificate of Appropriateness Application for demolition of 303 N. Johnson Street.**

Mayor Lankford opened the public hearing. Vic Savelli, Lupita A. Wisener, and Allene Doggett spoke in opposition of the demolition of 303 N. Johnson Street. Bill Self and Leon Anderson spoke in favor of the demolition of 303 N. Johnson.

5. Discuss and consider action on a Certificate of Appropriateness Application for demolition of 303 N. Johnson Street.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to postpone the certificate of appropriateness application for demolition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried by a unanimous vote. The item will be moved to the September 19 Regular Meeting.

6. Discuss and consider action on appointing Mrs. Becky Moore to the Mineola Economic Development Board to fill an unexpired term.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Becky Moore to the Mineola Economic Development Board to fill an unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and carried by unanimous vote.

7. Discuss and consider action on a proposed tax rate for FY 2022-2023.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the proposed tax rate of 0.535000 for FY 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and carried by unanimous vote.

8. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from the Mineola Rotary Club for a Mardi Gras Festival on Saturday February 18, 2023.

Roy Shockey from the Mineola Rotary Club spoke to the council about the upcoming new Mardi Gras Festival on Saturday February 18, 2023 and the need for the street closure. Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve the street closure request from the Mineola Rotary Club for a Mardi Gras Festival on Saturday February 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by councilmember Jones and carried by unanimous vote.

9. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from Mr. Ronnie Gorman of RG Car Shows for the annual Iron Horse Car and Trunk Show on October 29, 2022.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve the street closure request from Ronnie Gorman of RG Car Shows for the annual Iron Horse Car and Trunk Show on October 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and carried by unanimous vote.

10. Discuss and consider action on closing the Mineola Nature Preserve from November 18 thru noon November 20, 2022 for a concert by Clay Walker, to support *Band Against MS Foundation*.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve the closing of the Mineola Nature Preserve from November 18 thru noon Number 20, 2022 for a concert by Clay Walker, to support Band Against MS Foundation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried by unanimous vote.

11. Discuss and consider action on the Utilization of Naloxone (Narcan) Policy for the Mineola Police Department.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve the Utilization of Naloxone (Narcan) Policy for the Mineola Police Department. The motion was seconded by councilmember Jones and carried by unanimous vote.

12. Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal Agreement with East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) for 911 Database maintenance for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$3,023.30.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) for 911 Database maintenance for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$3,023.30. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and carried by unanimous vote.

13. Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Service for FY 2022-2023 between the City of Mineola and Wood County, and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve an Interlocal agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Service for FY 2022-2023 between the City of Mineola and Wood County, and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and carried by unanimous vote.

14. Discuss and consider action on Street projects. There was no discussion.

15. Discuss and consider action on Water and Wastewater projects. There was no discussion.

16. Executive Session: The City Council will now convene into a closed meeting at 7:30 p.m. to deliberate the evaluation and contract of the City Manager & the Chief of Police, as authorized by the Government Code Chapter 551.074, Personnel Matters; and Chapter 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney.

The City Council will now convene into open session at 7:41 p.m.

17. Consider action on personnel matters.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to extend the contract for the City Manager and the Chief of Police for two more years with a 5% raise. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried by unanimous vote.

18. City Manager Briefing and Announcements.

City Manager Rushing told how the new hours at City Hall was working. The new hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30-5:30 pm for the staff 7:30 to 5:00 pm for the public and on Fridays it is 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for the public and the staff. Friday at noon the phone rolls to the public works department then after 3:00 pm it rolls to dispatch. Ms. Rushing also updated the council on upcoming events: Fall Clean up September 17, 2022 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or until full; September 5th City Hall will be closed for Labor Day; Junk in the Trunk at the Civic Center September 10th; September 23rd Hobo Special; Iron Horse Festival starting at 8:00 am and ending with a street dance; September 12th Special Called Council meeting for budget and proposed property tax; September 19th Regular Council Meeting; September 12th or the 19th Amended Historical ordinance; Sesquicentennial meeting September 27th; and in 2023 it will also be the Mineola Volunteer Fireman 60th Anniversary.

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

Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary