

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL**  
**Monday, July 24, 2023**

**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	A	Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

**Staff Present:** Lisa Morrison, David Madsen, Kyle McCoy, Chief Charles Bittner, Doris Newman, and Owen Tiner.

**Citizens Present:** Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; and Kelsie McGilvray.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation led by Councilmember Eaton and pledges led by Mayor Lankford.

**Citizen Comment-** No citizen comments

**Presentations and Proclamations -** None

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 26, 2023, and the Special Council Meeting on July 10, 2023.**

Councilmember Jones asked that agenda item one, the approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 26, 2023, be voted separately.

- 2. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of June 2023.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of June 2023. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)**
- 4. Consider approval of the Quarterly Investment Report, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2023.**

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve the consent agenda items except item one. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the motion with the corrections to agenda item 7 instead of saying tabled to say postponed discussion and consideration of action on a street closure request from Ronnie Gorman of RG Car shows on October 28, 2023, for the Iron Horse Car Show. Councilmember Jones also asked that item 13 also be corrected from saying tabled to postponed the discussion and consideration of any action on an ordinance amending the Mineola Code of Ordinances: Greases Traps. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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

- 5. Discuss and consider action to approve the FY 2021-2022 Annual Audit performed by BrooksWatson, PLLC.**

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Annual Audit performed by BrooksWatson, PLLC. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

- 6. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce for the Iron Horse Heritage Festival on September 22 and 23, 2023.**

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve the street closure request from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce for the Iron Horse Heritage festival on September 22 and 23, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

- 7. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance repealing Chapter 28, Article III (Juvenile Curfew) of the Mineola Code of Ordinances.**

Councilmember Carrington made the motion to approve an ordinance repealing Chapter 28, Article III (Juvenile Curfew) of the Mineola Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

- 8. Section 3 Presentation for CDBG Contract CDV21-0098 street reconstruction. No action required.**

City Secretary and Financial Director Cindy Karch presented to the council Section 3 presentation for CDBG Contract CDV21-098 street reconstruction.

- 9. Discuss and consider action on purchase of an Aerial Ladder Truck, in the amount of \$1,797,849.53.**

Councilmember Jones made the motion to purchase an Aerial Ladder Truck, in the amount of \$1,464,849.53. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

- 10. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending Solid Waste Collection fees for Commercial Dumpster service for the City of Mineola.**

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve an ordinance amending Solid Waste Collection fees for Commercial Dumpster service for the City of Mineola. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 11. Discuss and consider action to approve the Mineola Economic Development Corporation purchase of real property, ABS 0285; Hamilton A; Tract 43 pt 6.736 acres, located on Loop 564.**

Councilmember Carrington made the motion to approve the Mineola Economic Development Corporation purchase of real property, ABS 0285; Hamilton A; Tract 43 pt 6.736 acres, located on Loop 564. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**12. Discuss and consider action on award of bid for the 1888 Plaza construction, low bid received from Stansell Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$601,859.00.**

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve awarding the bid for the 1888 Plaza construction, low bid received from Stansell Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$601,859.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**13. Discuss and consider action of an Interlocal Agreement with East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) for 911 Database maintenance for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$3,089.80.**

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) for 911 Database maintenance for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$3,089.80. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**14. Discuss and consider action on a request from the Public Works Director to suspend brush pickup service during the months of June, July, and August, beginning in 2024.**

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve suspending brush pickup services during the months of July and August, beginning in 2024 with the exception if there are storms during those months. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington motion passed with Councilmembers Carrington, Sampson, Tuck, Eaton, and Newman for and Councilmember Jones against.

**15. Discuss the FY 2023-2024 Budget.**

**a. Fitness Center at Preserve.**

Cindy Karch, City Secretary/Finance Director, and City Manager Mercy Rushing discussed the upcoming FY 2023-2024 budget.

**16. City Manager Briefing and Announcements.**

City Manager Mercy Rushing updated the council on the next sesquicentennial event, the Sabine Stomp '23.

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

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Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Karch, City Secretary