

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, December 18, 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, Aaron Munn, Justin Clower and Owen Tiner.

Citizens Present: Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Heath Kinder with the Parks and Open Spaces Board, and Sal LeBlanc with Texas Division of Emergency Management. Also present were Mr. Todd and Mrs. Susan Witt, Flint & Steele Coalition.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Citizen Comment- No citizen comments

Presentations and Proclamations

Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on November 27, 2023.
2. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of November 2023.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of November 2023. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
4. Consider approval of a resolution designating Wood County Monitor the official newspaper for the City of Mineola for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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

5. Presentation from Marketing Director Owen Tiner on events and programs.

Mr. Tiner presented marketing data regarding Magical Mineola, stating that Mineola saw roughly 4,000 visitors for Friday for the Snow Hill Day and 4,000 on Saturday for the Christmas Parade.

6. Presentation from Texas Division of Emergency Management regarding the 2024 Solar Eclipse.

Mr. Sal LeBlanc from Texas Division of Emergency Management briefed the council on what to expect for the 2024 Solar Eclipse. No action was taken.

7. Discuss and consider action to close the Mineola Nature Preserve on April 8th, 2024 for the Eclipse Fest.

After hearing from Mr. Heath Kinder, Chairman of the Parks and Open Spaces board, Councilmember Carrington made a motion to postpone this item until the January meeting, and asked the staff and Parks Board to provide more information to the council regarding Emergency Management Plans. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Presentation by Mayor Lankford on the Mineola Skate Park.

Mayor Lankford updated the council on the construction of the Mineola Skate Park. Phase I has been completed.

9. Discuss and consider action on a Gift Deed from the Mineola Economic Development Corporation to the City of Mineola for the parking lot on Commerce St, Lot 7-10 Blk 5 .3107 Mineola Townsites.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to accept the Gift Deed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried by a unanimous vote.

10. Discuss and consider action on CampLife, a web-based reservation program for camping and RV sites at the Preserve, and other city facilities.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to proceed with the program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending the FY 2024 budget.

Councilmember Carrington made the motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and carried by a unanimous vote.

12. Discuss and consider action on 2024 Meredith Requests.

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve the 2024 Meredith Requests as presented by Mrs. Rushing. Mrs. Rushing presented a list of staff requests that had been ranked by order of importance by the City Council. Councilmember Newman seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

13. Public Works Director updates on street projects.

Mr. Kyle McCoy updated the council on streets completed this month, including the overlay of Wigley Street.

14. City Manager Briefing and Announcements.

Mrs. Rushing thanked the council, staff, and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year, making the City of Mineola Sesquicentennial a success. She also briefed the council on upcoming events and office closures.

Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary