

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, January 22, 2024

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, 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 and Polly Jones with the Parks and Open Spaces Board, Brady Chambers, Andrew Wright – SPI Engineering; Tyler Creamer with Hayter Engineering; and John Besteiro with Traylor and Associates.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Citizen Comment:

Heath Kinder, Chair of the Parks and Open Spaces Board presented a year-end review of the 2023 successful year and looking forward to future projects. Mr. Kinder wanted to thank Polly Jones and Elizabeth Dry for going above and beyond for the Parks and Open Spaces projects.

Presentations and Proclamations

Consent Agenda

- 1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 18, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of December 2023.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of December 2023. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Parks, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)**

Councilmember Jones asked that agenda item (1) consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 18, 2023, be pulled and added to the discussion on action items, public hearings, presentations, and announcements.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve the consent agenda items number two and three. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 18, 2023.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes of December 18, 2023, with the correction of naming individually everyone in the parks board that attended the December 18th Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and carried by unanimous vote.

4. Discuss and consider action on a RESOLUTION authorizing professional services provider selection for the 2022 Resilient Communities Program, through the Texas General Land Office.

Mr. John Besteiro from Traylor and Associates talked to the council about the 2022 Resilient Communities Program, through the Texas General Land Office about a non-matching grant for \$300,000.00.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing Traylor and Associates as the professional service provider for the 2022 Resilient Communities Program, through the Texas General Land Office. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried by unanimous vote.

5. Discuss and consider action on Change Order No. 1 for the 1888 Plaza, in the amount of \$8,180.98 for sidewalk replacement.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the 1888 Plaza, in the amount of \$8,180.98 for sidewalk replacement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and carried by unanimous vote.

6. Discuss and consider action on award of bid to Mike Rogers Construction in the amount of \$206,631.00 for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, Phase I Trial Improvements – Freeman Street to SE Loop 564.

Tyler Creamer from Hayter Engineering services talked to the council about the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, Phase I Trial Improvements-Freeman Street to SE Loop 564.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to award the bid to Mike Rogers Construction in the amount of \$206,631.00 for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, Phase I Trial Improvements-Freeman Street to SE Loop 564. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and carried by unanimous vote.

7. Hold a public hearing on an ORDINANCE to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 6 Block L Landers & Revelle Addition from SF-7 (Single Family) to MD (Medium Density).

Mayor Lankford opened the public hearing on an Ordinance to rezone Lots 1,2,3,6 Block L Landers & Revelle Addition from SF-7 (Single Family) to MD (Medium Density) at 5:55 pm.

David Madsen explained the rezoning purpose of Lots 1, 2, 3, 6 Block L Landers & Revelle Addition from SF-7(Single Family) to MD (Medium Density) for the purpose of building townhomes.

Brady Chamber, the owner of Lots 1, 2, 3, 6 Block L Landers & Revelle Addition presented to the council information on possible townhomes he would like to build if the ordinance to rezone is approved.

With no other public comments Mayor Lankford closed the public hearing at 6:10 pm.

8. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 6 Block L Landers & Revelle Addition from SF-7 (Single Family) to MD (Medium Density).

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve ordinance to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 6 Block L Landers & Revelle Addition from SF7 (single Family) to MD (Medium Density). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and carried by unanimous vote.

9. Discuss and consider action on a Lease Agreement with Mineola Independent School District for radio tower space.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve a Lease Agreement with Mineola Independent School District for radio tower space. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman, the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote.

10. Discuss and consider action to call an election on May 4th, 2024, for council positions of Aldermen Ward 1, 2 & 3.

City Manager Mercy Rushing told the council that Councilmembers Sampson's, Carrington's, and Jone's positions were up for election on May 4, 2024.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to call an election on May 4, 2024, for council positions of Aldermen Ward 1, 2, and 3. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal Agreement to hold a joint election location with Mineola ISD at the Mineola City Hall.

Councilmember Jones made the motion on an Interlocal Agreement to hold a joint election location with Mineola ISD at the Mineola City Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman.

12. Executive Session: The City Council convened into a closed meeting at 6:29 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.072, deliberations regarding real property. The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:56 p.m.

13. Public Works Director updates on water, wastewater & street projects.

Public Works Director Kyle McCoy updated the council on the two days of the freeze and the sewer plan. They had 2 major main breaks on Highway 69; he thanked the police department and TXDOT for helping keep the water department employees safe during the repairs; and there were 58 calls on customer-side leaks. All that is lacking to complete the sewer plant project is to haul away the sludge, and this project came in under budget by \$400,000.00.

14 City Manager Briefing and Announcements.

Mrs. Rushing briefed the council on upcoming events for the month of February and special dates for the upcoming May elections.

Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary