

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL**  
**Monday, May 20, 2024**

**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	A	Jack Newman
P	Cassandra Sampson	P	Mercy Rushing, City Manager
P	Cindy Karch, City Secretary	A	Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

**Staff Present:** Charles Bittner, Aaron Munn, Lisa Morrison, David Madsen, and Owen Tiner.

**Citizens Present:** Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Crystal Arcand, Brady Chambers, Paul Creech, Tom Drang, Modesto Trinidad, Tavita Trinidad, and Daren Beaudou.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Citizen Comment:** No public comments.

**Presentations and Proclamations –**

1. Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers Sue Jones and Eric Carrington.

Mayor Lankford recognized outgoing Councilmembers Sue Joes and Eric Carrington with a plaque thanking them for their service and gifts from the Mayor and city staff.

2. Incoming Council – Administer Oath of Office  
Polly Jones, Ward 1  
Jimmy Alexander, Ward 2  
Cassandra Sampson, Ward 3

Cindy Karch, City Secretary, administered the oath of office for the incoming Councilmembers: Ward 1 Polly Jones; Ward 2 Jimmy Alexander; and Ward 3 Cassandra Sampson.

**Consent Agenda**

3. Consider approval of minutes of the Special Council Meeting on May 2, 2024.
4. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of April 2024.
5. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of April 2024. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)

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

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

**6. Hold nominations to elect Council Mayor Pro-Tem for 2024-2025.**

Councilmember Tuck nominated Terry Eaton for Council Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Lankford called for a vote and the vote was unanimous to have Terry Eaton as the 2024-2025 Council Mayor Pro-Tem.

**7. Discuss and consider action to close the Mineola Nature Preserve on July 5, 2024, for a concert.**

Councilmember Polly Jones made a motion to approve that the Nature Preserve on July 5, 2024, stay open until 10:00 pm for the concert put on by Mineola Nature Preserve board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**8. Discuss and consider action on a request to place a sign at the Promise of Peace Gardens at the Mineola Nature Preserve.**

Councilmember Polly Jones made a motion to approve to place a sign at the Promise of Peace Gardens at the Mineola Nature Preserve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**9. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending residential and commercial solid waste collection fees (excluding dumpsters).**

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve an ordinance amending the residential and commercial solid waste collection fees (excluding dumpsters). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**10. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE establishing a "No Parking Zone" from the area of West Patten Street from West Loop 564 to Pegues Street.**

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve an ordinance establishing a "No Parking Zone" from the area of West Patten Street from West Loop 564 to Pegues Street from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alexander and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**11. Discuss and consider action on Mineola Police Department Policy 7.17, Department Take Home Vehicles.**

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve the Mineola Police Department Policy 7.17, Department Take Home Vehicles. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polly Jones and was carried by unanimous vote.

**12. City Manager Briefing and Announcements.**

**a. Union Pacific track repairs & Amtrak ADA improvements**

**b. Upcoming events and activities**

City Manager, Mercy Rushing, briefed the council on Union Pacific track repairs and Amtrak ADA improvements that will be done in the upcoming months. Ms. Rushing also updated the council on upcoming events and activities for the end of May and June.

There being no further action to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Karch, City Secretary