

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, July 29, 2024

Call to order and confirmation of quorum

P	Jayne Lankford, Mayor	P	Mitchell Tuck
P	Terry Eaton, Mayor Pro Tem	P	Polly Jones
P	Jimmy Alexander	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, David Madison, Kyle McCoy, Lisa Morrison, and Aaron Munn.

Others Present: Phil Major, Wood County Monitor; and Jason Arispe and Aaron McNelis from Brinson Benefits

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Citizen Comment – none

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

1. Recognition of the Mineola Animal Shelter, and Jordana Green, Shelter Manager, from the Best Friends Animal Society.

Mayor Lankford read a letter and presented a plaque from the Friends Animal Society to Animal Control Supervisor, Jordana Green and the Mineola Animal Shelter for achieving a 90% save rate for the 2023 calendar year.

2. Discuss and consider action on award of bid for an Employee Health Insurance Plan, low bid received from United Healthcare.

Jason Arispe and Aaron McNelis from Brinson Benefits presented to the council the low bid received from United Healthcare health insurance for the City employees.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve the low bid from United Healthcare. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. Annexation:

a. Hold a Public Hearing regarding Annexation of the following properties:

- i. FM 564 9.910 Ac. From US Highway 69, 3400' East to City Limits Daniel Fuller Survey, A-207.**
- ii. FM 564 86.856 Ac. From US Highway 69 to FM 1801 C. Rivers Survey, A-495, S. Yarbrough Survey, A-659 and S. English Survey, A-185.**
- iii. FM 564 40.599 Ac. From 2500' East of SH 37 to FM 1801, Andrew Hamilton Survey, A-285 & William Page Survey, A-452 & Sarah English Survey, A-185.**
- iv. FM 564 13.615 Ac. From 4,759 feet North of US Hwy 80 to US Hwy 69, Swanson Yarborough Survey, A-658 & Sarah English Survey, A-188.**

Mayor Lankford opened the public hearing at 5:57 and with no public comment Mayor Lankford closed the public hearing at 5:57 pm.

b. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE annexing FM 564 9.910 Ac. From US Highway 69, 3400' East to City Limits Daniel Fuller Survey, A-207.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve an ORDINANCE annexing FM 564 9.910 Ac. From US Highway 69, 3400' East to City Limits Daniel Fuller Survey, A-207. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

c. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE annexing FM 564 86.856 Ac. From US Highway 69 to FM 1801 C. Rivers Survey, A-495, S. Yarbrough Survey, A-659 and S. English Survey, A-185.

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve an ORDINANCE annexing FM 564 86.856 Ac. From US Highway 69 to FM 1801 C. Rivers Survey, A-495, S. Yarbrough Survey, A-659 and S. English Survey, A-185. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alexander and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

d. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE annexing FM 564 40.599 Ac. From 2500' East of SH 37 to FM 1801, Andrew Hamilton Survey, A-285 & William Page Survey, A-452 & Sarah English Survey, A-185.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion on an ORDINANCE annexing FM 564 40.599 Ac. From 2500' East of SH 37 to FM 1801, Andrew Hamilton Survey, A-285 & William Page Survey, A-452 & Sarah English Survey, A-185. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

e. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE annexing FM 564 13.615 Ac. From 4,759 feet North of US Hwy 80 to US Hwy 69, Swanson Yarborough Survey, A-658 & Sarah English Survey, A-188.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion on an ORDINANCE annexing FM 564 13.615 Ac. From 4759 feet North of US Hwy 69, Swanson Yarborough Survey, A-658 & Sarah English Survey, A-188. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. Discuss 2024 Tax Rates.

Finance Director Cindy Karch spoke to the council about the proposed 2024 tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

5. Discuss items for consideration in the FY 2024-2025 Budget.

Public Works Director Kyle McCoy spoke to the council about the proposed budget for water, sewer, and street departments and presented a balanced budget.

City Manager, Mercy Rushing also spoke to the council about the Mineola Economic Development Corporation proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Rushing presented a balanced budget for the Economic Development Corporation.

There being no further items for consideration, Mayor Lankford adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Jayne Lankford, Mayor

Cindy Karch, City Secretary