

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL**  
**Monday, August 26, 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	P	Jack Newman
P	Cassandra Sampson	P	Mercy Rushing, City Manager
P	Cindy Karch, City Secretary	A	Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

**Staff Present:** Charles Bittner, Lisa Morrison, Kyle McCoy, and Doris Newman.

**Citizens Present:** Brynna Williamson with the Wood County Monitor; Shelly Shaw, Susan Few, Linda Haddock

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Citizen Comment:** Mr. Wilford Jones spoke to the council about pets being allowed inside

**Presentations and Proclamations –**

- 1. Presentation of a proclamation naming the week of September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week in the City of Mineola.**

Mayor Lankford presented a proclamation naming the of September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week in the City of Mineola to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Consent Agenda**

- 2. Consider approval of minutes of the Workshop Council Meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Special Council Meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, and the Regular Council Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**
- 3. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of July 2024.**
- 4. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of July 2024. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)**
- 5. Consider approval of a street closure request from Caring & Sharing for the Caring & Sharing Fundraiser Car Show on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.**

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

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

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

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve an ordinance amending the solid waste collection fees for commercial dumpster service within the City of Mineola. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**7. Discuss and possible action on Mineola Police Department Policy 4.12, Medical and Psychological Examination of a Licensee.**

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve the Mineola Police Department policy 4.12, medical and psychological examination of a licensee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alexander and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**8. Discuss and consider action on a RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Multiple-Use Agreement with TxDOT, allowing the installation and operation of Automated License Plate Recognition Cameras.**

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a multiple-use agreement with TxDot, allowing the installation and operation of automated license plate recognition cameras. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**9. Discuss and consider action on Mineola Police Department Policy 7.46, Automated License Plate Readers.**

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the Mineola Police Department Policy 7.46, automated license plate readers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**10. Executive Session: The City Council convened into a closed meeting at 5:49 p.m. to deliberate the evaluation and contract of the City Manager & the Chief of Police, as authorized by the Government Code Chapter 551.074, Personnel Matters, and for deliberations regarding economic development negotiations as authorized by the Government Code, Chapter 551.087, Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**

**The City Council convened into open session at 6:22 p.m. Consider action on personnel matters.**

**11. Discuss and consider action on personnel matters.**

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve Chief Charles Bittner's contract with a 5% pay increase for four years (2028). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alexander and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve City Manager Mercy Rushing's contract with a 5% increase for one year (2025). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**12. Discuss and consider action on an addendum to an Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Mineola and Social Network Groups, LLC.**

Councilmember Newman made a motion to approve the addendum to an Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Mineola and Social Network Groups, LLC to approve an extension of one year from September 15, 2024, to September 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**13. Discuss and consider action on an addendum to a Performance Agreement between the Mineola Economic Development Corporation and Social Network Groups, LLC.**

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve an addendum to a Performance Agreement between the Mineola Economic Development Corporation and Social Network Groups, LLC. to change the allocation to \$100,000.00 payment after groundbreaking and \$200,000.00 payment after the hotels open for business. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**14. City Manager Briefing and Announcements:**

City Manager Mercy Rushing briefed the council on upcoming events: Special Call Council meeting August 29, 2024; Museum 15 year anniversary and Special Call Meeting ( tax rate & budget) September 9, 2024; September 14, 2024 Ward 3 neighborhood cleanup, and City Fall clean up; September 16, 2024 regular Council Meeting; September 28, 2024 Iron Horse Festival and Wood County Health Fair; Mini train September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>; and Farmers Market every Saturday in September.

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