

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, November 25, 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	P	Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

Staff Present: Charles Bittner, Lisa Morrison, Kyle McCoy, David Madsen, Jennifer Henson, Doris Newman, Mark Hooks, and Aaron Munn.

Citizens Present: Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Cheryl Wood, Rose Petrea, Bruce Figura, Sherri Hawley, Jason Slagle with Peoples Telephone; Gio Fragulia, Bill Martin, Denna Hange, and Perry Powell.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation led by Councilmember Eaton and pledges led by Mayor Lankford.

Citizen Comment: Daren Beardo, Director of the Chamber of Commerce Board, thanked the City Council and the City of Mineola employees for everything they did to support the 2024 Iron Horse Festival.

Presentations and Proclamations:

1. Presentation from Peoples Telephone

Jason Slagle from Peoples Telephone updated the council on the fiber project in the city.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on October 28, 2024.
2. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of October 2024.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of October 2024. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
4. Consider approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024.
5. Consider action to appoint Hope Brinkley to the Mineola Civic Center Board for a three-year term.
6. Consider action on a street closure request from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce for the Mini Christmas Market on December 7, 2024.
7. Consider action on a street closure request from the City of Mineola Marketing and Tourism Department for Magical Mineola on December 6, 2024.

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

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

8. Discuss and consider action on downtown loading zones.

Cheryl Wood spoke to the council about the loading zone at the corner of Johnson and Broad St. and the need for a loading zone for her flower shop delivery business.

Councilmember Newman made a motion to amend the loading zone for delivery business only from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion failed due to lack of a vote.

Councilmember Tuck made a motion to allow the City Manager to work with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance addressing the issue. The matter will be considered at a future meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. Discuss and consider action on a letter requesting the Sabine River Authority Board Members to conduct or fund an Economic Impact Study prior to finalizing Lake Tawakoni and Lake Fork Reservoir Rules and Regulations revision.

Mr. Bruce Figura, Mrs. Sherri Hawley and Mr. Bill Martin addressed the council regarding their concerns on how the new Rules and Regulations may impact their businesses and the economy of the area and asked the council to request the SRA conduct an Economic Impact Study prior to adopting the rules and regulations.

Councilmember Newman made a motion to send a letter to the Sabine River Authority asking them to conducting an Economic Impact Study. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and consider action to close the Nature Preserve for the annual Texas Youth Hunting Program with Texas Parks and Wildlife Youth Hunt on January 10th, 11th and 12th, 2025.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to close the Nature preserve for the annual Texas Youth Hunting Program with Texas Parks and Wildlife Youth Hunt on January 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and the motion was carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE amending Chapter 6, Animals, Article I, Section 6-22, Fee Schedule for the Mineola Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Newton made the motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Animal, Article I, Section 6-22, Fee Schedule for the Mineola Animal Shelter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE authorizing the sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption in areas annexed by the City of Mineola.

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption in areas annexed by the City of Mineola. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alexander and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

13. Discuss and consider action on a RESOLUTION establishing the Mineola Municipal Court Youth Diversion Program.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve a resolution establishing the Mineola Municipal Court Youth Diversion Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and consider action on 2025 Meredith Requests

Councilmember Eaton made a motion to approve the 2025 Meredith Requests. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alexander and carried unanimously.

15. City Manager Briefing and Announcements:

City Manager, Mercy Rushing, briefed the council on the upcoming events for December.

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

Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary