

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, December 16, 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, David Madsen, Jennifer Henson, Doris Newman, Justin Clower, Mark Hooks, and Aaron Munn.

Citizens Present: Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Cheryl Wood, and Lauren Gibbs.

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

Citizen Comment: None

Presentations and Proclamations: None

Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on November 25, 2024.
2. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of November 2024.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of November 2024. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
4. Consider approval of a street closure request from the Mineola Middle School Choir to close Commerce Street at the Gazebo on December 19, 2024.

Councilmember Sampson 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.

5. Discuss and consider action on a tax deed, high bid received for resale property, Lot 4A Blk 30, Mineola Townsites in the amount of \$6,000.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to accept the high bid received for resale property, Lot 4A Blk 30, Mineola Townsites in the amount of \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Discuss and consider action on a tax deed, high bid received for resale property, Lot 29, SW Hart Subdivision Blk 160-3 Mineola Townsites in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to accept the high bid received for resale property, Lot 29, SW Hart Subdivision Blk 160-3 Mineola Townsites in the amount of \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Discuss and consider action on a tax deed, high bid received for resale property, Lots 3A Blk 29 Ham Addition in the amount of \$10,000.

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to accept the high bid received for resale property, Lots 3A Blk 29 Ham Addition in the amount of \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

8. Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Shelter Services between the City of Mineola and the City of Grand Saline.

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Shelter Services between the City of Mineola and the City of Grand Saline. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

9. Discuss and consider action on an ORDINANCE amending Loading Zones for the City of Mineola.

Lauren Gibbs signed up to speak because the proposed ordinance amendment for the loading zones for the City of Mineola was not published ahead of the meeting.

Councilmember Tuck made a motion to amend the ordinance regarding loading zones for the City of Mineola to require a permit to be issued annually with a fee of \$10.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

10. **Executive Session:** The city Council convened into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 (Personnel) to the position of the City Manager.
The City Council convened into open session at 7:03 p.m.

Discuss and consider action on the position of the City Manager.

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve Cindy Karch as the new City Manager starting March 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

11. City Manager Briefing and Announcements.

City Manager, Mercy Rushing, briefed the council on sales tax up 14.8 %; Blue Santa shopping at Walmart; Shop Local drawing for cash prizes; and City Hall Closings- December 20th closing at 1:00 pm for-office party and December the 24th and the 25th for Christmas.

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

Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary