

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
AUGUST 12, 2019, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Kevin White, Councilmembers Novada Bigham, Jayne Lankford, Sue Jones, Mitchell Tuck, Polly Jones and Greg Hollen

MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, David Madsen, William Crump, Curt Myers, Lynn Kitchens, Doris Newman and Charles Bittner; City Attorney Blake Armstrong

OTHERS PRESENT Hank Murphy, Mineola Monitor; Mark Robinson, AEP/SWEPCO; Demethrius Boyd, Chris Williams, and many other members of the community.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of the council was present.

Invocation led by Mitchell Tuck and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Greg Hollen

CITIZEN COMMENT

Chris Williams of 1122 Sycamore spoke about the many power outages she has experienced at her home in recent months and asked the council to investigate a solution.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Presentation by Mark Robinson, External Affairs Manager with AEP/SWEPCO regarding current expansion project in the city of Mineola.**

Mr. Mark Robinson addressed the council to inform them of expansion and upgrade plans to the plant on South and Front Street in Mineola. In order to complete the expansion in a safe and efficient manner, and to provide the best service to the citizens of Mineola, they are requesting that the city place for bid a small piece of property located adjacent to the plant. According to SWEPCO, this lot will allow the construction of a new, upgraded control house, to replace the one built in 1965 which has failing parts that they can no longer purchase.

- 2. Presentation by Pastor Demethrius T. Boyd regarding current events.**

Pastor Boyd again addressed the council regarding the Jason Waters trial and the concerns of citizens in the Ministerial Alliance which were in attendance that evening.

Mayor White then read a prepared statement thanking citizens for expressing their concerns, being involved in the governmental process and he welcomed anyone with issues or concerns to please come and speak with him. He expressed full faith and confidence in the Mineola Police Department and its leader, Chief Charles Bittner.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. Hold a public hearing to receive comments on the 2019-2020 Tax Rate.

Mayor White opened the public hearing. There being no citizens present for comment, the hearing was closed.

4. Discuss and consider action on the City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics.

City Attorney Blake Armstrong spoke briefly about the policy. He stated that there were no legal issues with the policy and that any matters of procedure were at the prerogative of the council. Mayor White requested staff to produce this policy over a year ago. This template was provided by the lawyers at TML legal, has been adopted by several other cities, and has been updated to reflect the current practices and procedures of the city of Mineola.

A motion was made by Council Member Jayne Lankford and seconded by Council Member Mitchell Tuck to adopt the policy. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a vote of five to one, with Councilmember Greg Hollen voting against.

5. Executive Session: The City Council will now convene into a closed meeting on August 12th, 2019 at 6:26 p.m. to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 551.087 Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease of real property as authorized by Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, Deliberations about Real Property.

The City Council will now convene into open session at 6:49 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSION (No action will be taken on the following items)

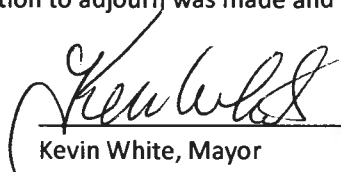
6. Discuss the proposed budget for FY 2019-2020.

Mrs. Rushing and the rest of the council went over the remaining funds/items in the budget which were not covered in the previous workshop.


7. Mayor's comments - regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.
8. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for consideration, a motion to adjourn was made and the meeting adjourned.


Kevin White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cindy Karch, City Secretary