

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT **In Person:** Mayor Kevin White and Councilmember Jayne Lankford **Via video/phone conference:** Councilmembers Sue Jones, Mitchell Tuck, Greg Hollen, and Cassandra Sampson

MEMBERS ABSENT Polly Jones

STAFF PRESENT Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, William Crump and Charles Bittner

OTHERS PRESENT **Via Video/Phone Conference:** Phil Major, Wood County Monitor; Jon Watson, BrooksWatson PLLC.

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 and pledges lead by Mayor White

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

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 White presented the proclamation to Vera Spencer, Ellen Jackson and Karen Pilgrim of DAR

2. **Presentation of the 2019 Audit by BrooksWatson & Co., PLLC**

Jon Watson from BrooksWatson & Co gave the presentation. The city received an Unmodified opinion which means there were no significant findings in the audit.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. **Discuss and consider action to approve the FY 18-19 Annual Audit performed by BrooksWatson & Co. PLLC.**

Councilmember Greg Hollen made the motion to approve the audit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

4. **Hold a public hearing to receive comments on the 2020-2021 Tax Rate.**

Mayor White opened the public hearing. No citizens were present for comment and the hearing was closed.

5. **Discuss and consider action on an ordinance approving the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.**

Councilmember Jayne Lankford made the motion to adopt the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

6. **Discuss and consider ratifying the tax rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.**

Councilmember Sue Jones made the motion to ratify the no-new-revenue tax rate at 0.532% for fiscal year 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell Tuck and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

7. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance levying the tax rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

Councilmember Cassandra Sampson made the motion to levy the no-new-revenue tax rate of 0.532% for the fiscal year 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jayne Lankford. Those voting aye were Sue Jones, Jayne Lankford, Cassandra Sampson, Mitchell Tuck and Greg Hollen. Councilmember Polly Jones was absent and not voting.

8. Mayors 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.

Mayor White let the council know there will be a meeting on the 21st for regular city business.

9. City Manager Briefing and Announcements

Mrs. Rushing let the council know that Doris Newman, Main Street Manager, submitted an application for awards to the Main Street District. Mineola is a finalist for the 2021 Presidents award for the Best New Construction in cities with a population of 50,000 or less for Tommy Warren's new building on 421 E. Broad Street. She read a Thank You note from a citizen to the staff in the front office for always being so polite and helpful. Then she read a Thank You note from Phil Major and wife Laura for the plant.

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