

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL  
AUGUST 10, 2020, 5:30 P.M.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**     Cassandra Sampson

**STAFF PRESENT**        **In Person:** Mercy Rushing, Cindy Karch, David Madsen, William Crump, Charles Bittner and Lynn Kitchens

**OTHERS PRESENT**      **Via Video/Phone Conference:** Phil Major, Wood County Monitor; Amanda Duncan, Wood County Now.

**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.

**DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Discuss and consider action on a proposed tax rate for FY 2020-2021.**

Councilmember Greg Hollen made the motion to propose a tax rate of 0.532, the no-new-revenue tax rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sue Jones. Those voting Aye: Sue Jones, Greg Hollen, Mitchell Tuck, Jayne Lankford and Polly Jones. Absent and not voting: Cassandra Sampson. None voting Nay.

**2. Discuss and consider action on a budget amendment for the Police Department to purchase three new patrol cars.**

Chief Charles Bittner addressed the council. These new cars will be a police package but will not be outfitted at this time. The dealership had a very low price on current year models. The police department does not have enough vehicles to allow officers to have a take-home vehicle. This is a problem when recruiting qualified officers as most law enforcement departments around us can offer this added benefit. Take-home cars would primarily be for supervisors. Mrs. Karch informed the council that this budget amendment will change the proposed FY 20-21 budget because it is dipping into funds that were going to be reserves. Councilmember Jayne Lankford made the motion to adopt the budget amendment ordinance in the amount of \$95,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polly Jones and carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

**3. 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.**

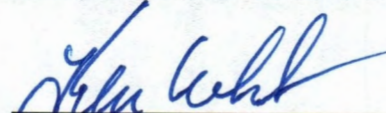
Mayor White had no comments.

**4. City Manager Briefing and Announcements**

Mrs. Rushing praised Doris Newman for her work in coordinating the beautification of city hall. She worked with the landscapers to get all of the flower beds planted and irrigated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

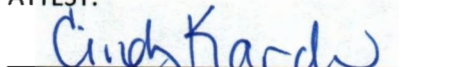
There being no further items for consideration, a motion to adjourn was made and the meeting adjourned.



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Kevin White, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Cindy Karch, City Secretary