

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING - MINEOLA CITY HALL**

**September 13, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jayne Lankford and Council Members Sue Jones, Cassandra Sampson, Terry Eaton, Mitchell Tuck, and Jack Newman were all present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Eric Carrington

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mercy Rushing, William Crump, Charles Bittner, Lisa Morrison, Owen Tiner, Cindy Karch, Doris Newman and David Madsen.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Phil Major Wood County Monitor; Amanda Duncan Wood County Now; and Mr. and Mrs. Bret Unger.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Invocation was led by Council Member Terry Eaton and Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Sue Jones.

**CITIZEN COMMENT** - None

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on August 23, 2021.
2. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of August 2021. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
3. Consider approval on the following board member reappointments for the Planning and Zoning Board: Wilford Jones and Janice Wisner. New terms will expire 2023.
4. Consider approval on the following board member reappointments for Board of Adjustments: Kevin White and Freda Madsen. New terms will expire 2023.
5. Consider approval on the following board member reappointments for the Park and Open Spaces Advisory Board for two year terms: Mathew Brian, Allison Utley and Vivian Bingham. Appointment Penny Heddin finishing vacated term (Gordon Tiner) for one year.

6. **Consider approval on the following board member reappointments for Marketing/Tourism Advisory Board for two year terms: Donna Hanger and Sharon Chamblee. Appoint Barbara Stewart (Chamber of Commerce Office Secretary) for a one year term.**
7. **Consider approval on the following board member reappointments and new appointments for MEDC for two year terms: Barbara Dawson reappointment to expire 2023. New appointments, Gary McKinley (replacing Ken Pearce) and Kevin White (replacing Helen Haneline) both to expire 2023.**
8. **Consider action on a resolution to nominate Sam Curry as a candidate for the Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2022-2023.**
9. **Consider action on the following Street Closure Requests for the Iron Horse Car and Truck Show Event on October 30, 2021 Commerce Street from South Johnson to Lankford Street including the Gazebo.**

Council Member Sue Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cassandra Sampson and carried by a unanimous vote.

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

10. **Discuss and consider request from Mr. Bret Unger regarding a claim for damages to his Home.**

Council Member Sue Jones made the motion to table Mr. Bret Unger is request regarding a claim for damages to his home to later date so the council can do its due diligence. Council Member Terry Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. **Hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the 2021-2022 Tax Rate**

The public hearing to receive comments on the 2021-2022 tax rate was opened at 6:00 pm and with no public comments, Mayor Lankford closed the public hearing at 6:01 pm.

12. **Discuss and consider action on an ordinance approving the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.**

Council Member Cassandra Sampson made the motion to approve an ordinance approving the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Council Member Mitchell Tuck seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. **Discuss and consider ratifying the tax rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.**

I Council Member Terry Eaton move to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2021-2022 Budget. Council Member Sue Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**14. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance levying the tax rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.**

Council Member Sue Jones made the motion to approve an ordinance levying the tax rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Council Member Jack Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**15. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending Section 44-29 Water Service Rates**

Council Member Mitchell Tuck made the motion to approve ordinance amending Section 44-29 Water Service Rates. Council Member Jack Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**16. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending Section 44-76 Sewer Service Rate**

Council Member Terry Eaton made the motion to approve an ordinance amending Section 44-76 Sewer Service Rate. Council Member Mitchell Tuck seconds the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**17. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending Section 44, Water Rates, Master Meter rates.**

Council Member Jack Newman made the motion to approve an ordinance amending Section 44, Water Rates, Master Meter rates. Council Member Cassandra Sampson seconds the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**18. Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal agreement for Emergency Management Plan for FY 21-22 between the City of Mineola and Wood County and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.**

Council Member Jack Newman made the motion to approve an Interlocal agreement for Emergency Management Plan for FY 21-22 between the City of Mineola and Wood County and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Council Member Sue Jones seconds the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**19. Discuss and consider action on an Interlocal agreement for Emergency Management Coordinator for FY 21-22 between the City of Mineola and Wood County and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.**

Councilmember Terry Eaton made the motion to approve an Interlocal agreement for Emergency Management Coordinator for FY 21-22 between the City of Mineola and Wood County and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Council Member Cassandra Sampson seconds the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**20. Consider action on an Interlocal Agreement with Wood County for Animal Control services for FY 21-22 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.**

Council Member Jack Newman made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Wood County for Animal Control services for FY 21-22 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Council Member Sue Jones seconds the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**21. Executive Session: The City Council will now convene into a closed meeting on September 13, 2021 at 6:09 p.m. to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations and real property as authorized by the Government Code, Chapter 551.087, Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations and Government Code, Chapter 551.072, Deliberations regarding real property, and TX Local Govt. Code Chapter 380 to provide incentives for commercial and economic growth.**

The City Council will now convene into open session at 6:43 p.m.

**22. Hold a public hearing regarding MEDC Incentive Performance Agreement between Mineola EDC and Social Networks Group, LLC as authorized by Section 501 and 505 of the TX. Local Government Code, as amended.**

Mayor Lankford opened the public hearing regarding MEDC Incentive Performance Agreement between Mineola EDC and Social Networks Group, LLC as authorized by Section 501 and 505 of the TX. Local Government Code, as amended at 6:44 pm. With no public comments the public hearing was closed at 6:44 pm.

**23. Discuss and consider action by City Council on the MEDC Incentive Performance Agreement between MEDC (Mineola Economic Development Corporation) and Social Network Group, LLC as authorized by section 501 and 505 of the TX. Local Government Code as amended for the development of a new Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Mineola Texas.**

Council Member Cassandra Sampson made the motion to approve the MEDC Incentive Performance Agreement between MEDC (Mineola Economic Development Corporation) and Social Network Group, LLC as authorized by section 501 and 505 of the TX. Local Government Code as amended for the development of a new Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Mineola Texas. Council Member Jack Newman seconds the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**24. Hold a public hearing regarding an Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Mineola and Social Networks Group, LLC as authorized pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 to provide economic incentives for commercial and economic growth for the City of Mineola.**

Mayor Lankford open the public hearing regarding an Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Mineola and Social Networks Group, LLC as authorized pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 to provide economic incentives for commercial and economic growth for the City of Mineola at 6:46 pm. With no public comments the public hearing was closed at 6:50 pm.

**25. Discuss and consider action by City Council on the Economic Incentive 380 Agreement between the City and Social Networks, LLC as authorized pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380. This is for the development of a new Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Mineola Texas.**

Council Member Sue Jones made the motion to approve the Economic Incentive 380 Agreement between the City and Social Networks, LLC as authorized pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380. This is for the development of a new Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Mineola Texas. Council Member Terry Eaton seconds the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**26. City Manager Briefing and Announcements**

City Manager Mercy Rushing briefed the council on:

- A water customer called and told her that Frankie Zurita, public works employee had been on call when the customer had called about a water break at his house. The customer said Frankie was very courteous and helpful considering the time of the call.
- Fall Clean up September 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm at 1824 S. Pacific
- Farmers Market every Saturday from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm through November
- Landmark fund raiser on September 24<sup>th</sup> that evening they will be selling hot dogs and floats.
- Iron horse Festival September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 6:00 pm. During the festival Main Street will have a corn hole tournament as fund raiser. Dance Dimensions will also have their 5K run.
- The Sales Tax for the FY 2020-2021 was unexpectedly higher than they thought it would be due to COVID.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for consideration, the meeting was adjourn.

  
Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cindy Karch, City Secretary