

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, December 19, 2022

Call to order and confirmation of quorum

P	Jayne Lankford, Mayor	P	Mitchell Tuck
P	Sue Jones, Mayor Pro Tem	P	Terry Eaton
P	Eric Carrington	A	Jack Newman
P	Cassandra Sampson	P	Mercy Rushing, City Manager
P	Cindy Karch, City Secretary	A	Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

Staff Present: Lisa Morrison, David Madsen, Justin Clower, Kyle McCoy, Chief Charles Bittner, and Owen Tiner

Citizens Present: Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Chris Means, Tina Hill. Michael Fosel, and Gordon Tiner.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation led by Councilmember Tuck and pledges led by Councilmember Jones

Citizen Comment

None

Presentations and Proclamations

Presentation of a proclamation declaring 2023 as Sesquicentennial Year in Mineola Texas.

Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming the year of 2023 as Mineola Sesquicentennial Year in Mineola.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on November 28, 2022.
2. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of November 2022.
3. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of November 2022. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
4. Consider approval of a resolution designating Wood County Monitor the official newspaper for the City of Mineola for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion on Action Items, Public Hearings, Presentations, and Announcements.

5. Discuss and consider action on a replat of Lots 1-50, Park Central Addition.

Mayor Lankford call for a motion on a replat of Lots 1-50, Park Central Addition. Councilmember Jones made a motion to deny the replat of Lots 1-50, Park Central Addition. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck. Mayor Lankford then opened the floor for discussion. Chris Means from Park Central Addition; spoke in favor of the replat of Lots 1-50, Park Central Addition. At the end of the discussion Mayor Lankford call for the vote. Councilmembers Jones, Tuck, and Eaton for and Councilmembers Sampson and Carrington opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

6. Discuss and consider action on a resolution accepting a contribution plan between the Mineola Foundation, Inc., and the Mineola Economic Development Corporation.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve a resolution accepting a contribution plan between the Mineola Foundation, Inc., and Mineola Economic Development Corporation. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton, motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Discuss and consider action on a resolution to support Piney Woods Estates, LP grant application to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to rehabilitate affordable rental housing at Mineola Seniors Apartments at 1136 N. Newsom.

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve a resolution to support Piney Woods Estates, LP grant application to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to rehabilitate affordable rental housing at Mineola Seniors Apartments at 1136 N. Newsom. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Discuss and consider action on a resolution in support of state funding to match Competitive Federal Rail Programs.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve a resolution in support of state funding to match Competitive Federal Rail Programs. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. Discuss and consider action on amendments to the Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Board Bylaws.

City Manager Rushing explained to the council that the Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Board would like to amend the bylaws to have from 7 voting members to 9 voting members. The board also would like to change the current policy that a board member must live in the Mineola Independent School District to allow anyone that lives in the 75773 Zip Code. Action on amendments to the Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Board bylaws failed due to lack of motion.

10. Public Works Director briefing on street, water, and wastewater projects.
 - a. Sewer backups and cleanouts
 - b. Winter weather preparedness.

Public Works Directors Kyle McCoy briefed the council on streets, water, and wastewater projects.

11. City Manager Briefing and Announcements.

City Manager Mercy Rushing briefed the council on city hall holiday hours; new phone system; generators are prepped for cold weather, and the street department is also ready for any possible ice or snow issues.

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


Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cindy Karch, City Secretary

