

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL**  
**Monday, March 27, 2023**

**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	P	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, Kyle McCoy, Chief Charles Bittner, and Owen Tiner.

**Citizens Present:** Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Mineola Varsity High School Basketball team; Coaches, Basketball team family members; Heath Kinder, Eric and Terri Dievendorf; and Peter Woolford.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation led by Councilmember Tuck and pledges led by Councilmember Sampson.

**Citizen Comment-** No citizen comments

**Presentations and Proclamations**

1. Presentation of Proclamation to the Mineola Yellow Jacket Basketball Team

Mayor Lankford read a proclamation declaring Monday, March 27, 2023, as Mineola Yellowjacket Varsity Boys Basketball Recognition Day. The mayor then recessed the meeting for fifteen minutes for a reception.

2. Presentation of Proclamation for National Child Abuse and Prevention Month

Mayor Lankford read a proclamation declaring April 2023 National Child Abuse and Prevention Month.

3. Marketing Presentation – Owen Tiner

Owen Tiner, Marketing, and tourism director spoke to the council about the recent trip to Austin for the Mineola Sesquicentennial proclamation.

**Consent Agenda**

4. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 27, 2023.
5. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of February 2023.
6. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of February 2023. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
7. Consider approval of a resolution granting an exemption of taxation for the year 2023 on Lots 10 and 11A, Block 7, Mineola Townsites, location of the Select Theatre, a recorded Texas Historic Landmark.
8. Consider action to appoint John Sheeran to the Mineola Landmark Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Mike Love, resigned.

9. Consider a Resolution suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas – Beaumont/East Texas Division, in its application filed on or about March 2, 2023, pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory

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

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

10. Discuss and consider action on a resolution to accept a petition requesting annexation of Lot 1, Blk Sec 2, Minwood Addition, to set public hearing dates, to set annexation date.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve a resolution to accept a petition requesting annexation of Lot 1, Blk Sec 2, Minwood Addition, to set public hearing dates, to set annexation date. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. Discuss and consider action a street closure request from the Marketing and Tourism board for May 20<sup>th</sup> for the Sesquicentennial Spring Fling and Parade.

Councilmember Carrington made the motion to approve a street closure request from the Marketing and Tourism board for May 20<sup>th</sup> for the Sesquicentennial Spring Fling and Parade. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuck and motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. Hold a public hearing to rezone Lot 1, Park Central North Addition, Old Tyler Highway to C-2, Commercial.

Mayor Lankford opened the floor for citizen comments and with no comments the public hearing was closed.

13. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance to rezone Lot 1, Park Central North Addition, Old Tyler Highway to C-2, Commercial.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve an ordinance to rezone Lot 1, Park Central North Addition, Old Tyler Highway to C-2, Commercial. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and motion carried by unanimous vote.

14. Hold a public hearing to rezone Lot 2, Park Central North Addition, Old Tyler Highway to MF-24, Multi-family.

Mayor Lankford opened the floor for citizen comments and with no comments the public hearing was closed.

15. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance to rezone Lot 2, Park Central North Addition, Old Tyler Highway to MF-24, Multi-family.

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve an ordinance to rezone Lot 2, Park Central North Addition, Old Tyler Highway to MF-24, Multi-family. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and motion carried by unanimous vote.

16. Discuss and consider action on an Approved Broker List for city investments per the City of Mineola Investment Policy.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve an Approved Broker List for city investments per the City of Mineola Investment Policy. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and motion carried by unanimous vote.

17. Discuss and consider approval of an application for participation in the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC).

Councilmember Carrington made the motion to approve an application for participation in the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and motion carried by unanimous vote.

18. Discuss and consider action approval of an application for participation in the Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program (TexSTAR).

Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve a application for participation in the Texas Short Term Asset reserve Program (TexSTAR). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and motion carried by unanimous vote.

19. Discuss and consider action on a Custody Account Agreement with BOK Financial.

Councilmember Carrington made the motion to approve a Custody Account Agreement with BOK Financial. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and motion carried by unanimous vote.

20. Public Works Director Update – discuss alleys and easements.

Public Works Director Kyle McCoy explained the differences between alleys and easements and the city's responsibility. The city is responsible for alleys and on easements the person paying the taxes on the property is responsible for the top of a easement and the city only has a easement underneath the ground for water and sewer lines.

**21. Mayors Comments – Litter pickup**

Mayor Lankford told the council that on April 22, 2023, will be Earth Day Cleanup for Mineola. The public works crew will be helping with the cleanup.

**22. City Manager Briefing and Announcements**

City Manager Mercy Rushing briefed the council on Sesquicentennial and other April activities; new carved wood artwork; and read thank you notes.

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

