

**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL**  
**Monday, April 24, 2023**

**Call to order and confirmation of quorum**

P	Jayne Lankford, Mayor	A	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, Doris Newman, and Owen Tiner.

**Citizens Present:** Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Nicholas Richardson, Clayton Hamlett, Donna Hanger from Between Friends, Elizabeth Citko from Sugarbakers; Shelia Parker from The Lady Bug Jungle; Firefighters Craig Gould, Eric Hooks, and Sean Calhoun.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation led by Councilmember Eaton and pledges led by Councilmember Carrington.

**Citizen Comment-** No citizen comments

**Presentations and Proclamations**

1. **Presentation of a proclamation declaring Mineola the Sweets Capital of Texas. – Owen Tiner, Marketing Director.**

Owen Tiner, Director of Marketing and Tourism presented a proclamation declaring Mineola the Sweets Capital of Texas that has passed its first round with the approval of the Texas Senate and will now go to the House of Representatives for approval.

2. **Marketing Department presentation – Owen Tiner**

Owen Tiner, Director of Marketing and Tourism presented to the council the new city app which is available on iPhone and Androids.

3. **Employee Recognition – Nicholas Richardson, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, on obtaining his Class D Wastewater License**

Kyle McCoy, Public Works Director, recognized Nicholas Richardson, one of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators on obtaining his Class D Wastewater License.

4. **Presentation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report – Cindy Karch, Finance Director**

Cindy Karch, Finance Director, presented to the council the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

**Consent Agenda**

5. **Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 27, 2023.**

6. **Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of March 2023.**
7. **Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of March 2023. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)**
8. **Consider approval of the Quarterly Investment Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2023.**
9. **Consider approval of a board member appointment; Tyrus Mulkey to the Board of Adjustments, to fill the unexpired term of Doris Newman who resigned.**

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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

10. **Discuss and consider action on an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget.**

Councilmember Eaton made the motion to approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal year 2023 Annual Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

11. **Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from the Mineola ISD Senior Class of 2023 on May 22, 2023, for the Senior Sunset Dinner.**

Councilmember Carrington made the motion to approve a street closure from the Mineola ISD Senior Class of 2023 on May 22, 2023, for the Senior Sunset Dinner. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

12. **Discuss and consider possible action on fire apparatus replacements.**

Councilmember Jones made the motion to authorize David Madsen to place the order for the \$800,000.00 tanker pumper and come back at a later date with final numbers for the council's approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

13. **Executive Session: The City Council will now convene into a closed meeting on April 24, 2023, at \_\_\_\_\_p.m. for deliberations regarding economic development negotiations as authorized by the Government Code, Chapter 551.087, Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**

**The City Council will now convene into open session at \_\_\_\_\_p.m. No action to be taken.**

The council did not go into executive session.

14. **Public Works Director briefing – upcoming street overlay projects.**

Kyle McCoy briefed the council on the upcoming street overlay projects. He asked the councilmembers to drive their wards and see what streets needed repair and see if any street that were not on the list needs to be added.

15. **City Manager Briefing and Announcements**

City Manager Mercy Rushing told the council of Dr. Abbott's passing. She briefed the council on Sesquicentennial and other April and May activities;

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

  
Jayne Rankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cindy Karch, City Secretary

